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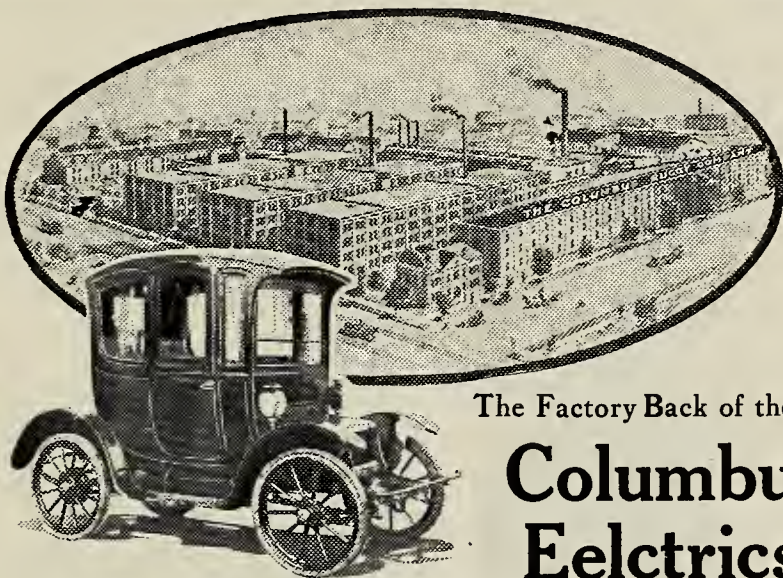
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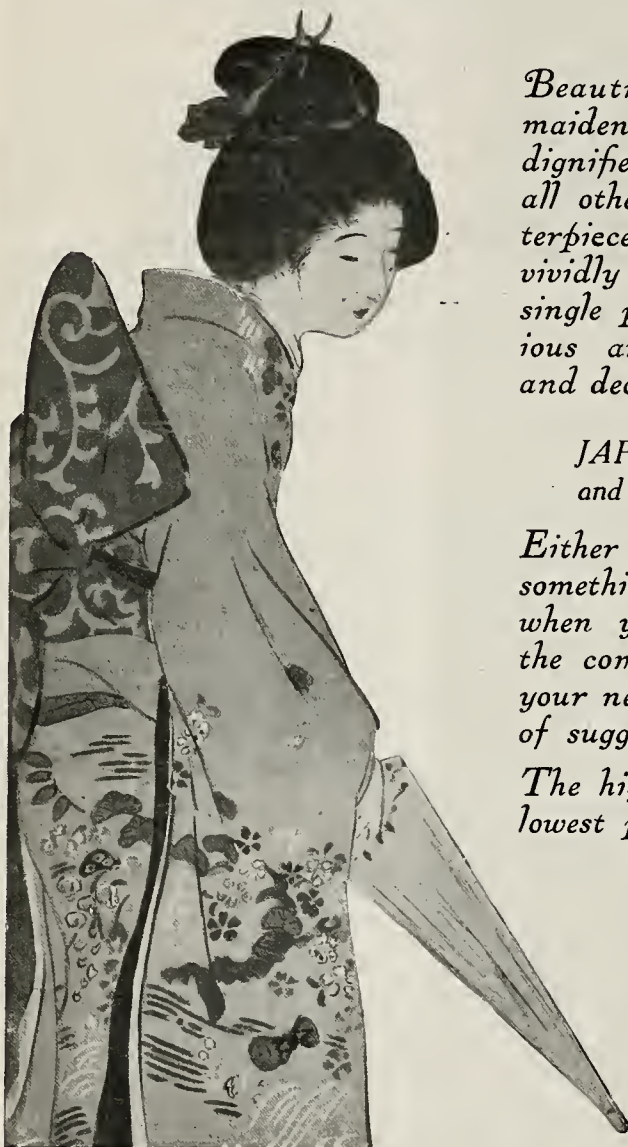
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General and State Federation news published in The Club Woman is official. Communications intended for either department must reach the club editor by the first day of each month in order to insure publication in the next issue of the magazine.

EDITORIAL

The first official visit of the state president, Mrs. James W. Orr, to the southern clubs is announced for January.

Mrs. Orr plans to attend the meeting of the Southern district January 15, 16 and 17 at Corona, and will also preside at a conference of the state executive board.

Alameda district will hold the annual meeting in Oakland, February 18, 19 and 20, Ebell being hostess.

Los Angeles district will meet in Pomona March 5, 6 and 7.

Northern district convention is set for March 12, 13 and 14, with Oroville as the place.

San Joaquin's dates are April 4 and 5, at Modesto.

The state convention at Fresno will probably meet April 29, holding until May 2 inclusive.

Mrs. James W. Orr, as president of C. F. W. C., has been asked to serve as associate editor of The General Federation Bulletin, and has accepted. Hereafter Mrs. Orr's letter, reviewing California club activities, will have place in each number of the official organ of the General Federation.

Other appointments of California women to G. F. W. C. committees, beside those already chronicled in The Club Woman, are:

Mrs. A. E. Osborne, state hospital, Napa, vice-chairman civil service reform.

Mrs. Charles Farwell Edson, Los

Angeles, chairman of child-hygiene, a sub-committee of public health.

Miss Edna Rich, Santa Barbara, household economics.

The club editor of The Club Woman, Mrs. Bridgham, is appointed to the press committee of the General Federation, and will have charge of the publicity detail in Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Arizona.

The state chairman of waterways has secured a set of conservation slides for use in the public schools. Mrs. Robert Cosner, chairman of waterways for Northern district, now has them in use.

These slides are sent out by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry Service, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. B. F. Walton, chairman of Information Bureau, acknowledges receipt of portfolio of art, subject Italian Renaissance, with complete notes, from the art section of the Oroville Monday club.

This has already been spoken for by the art section of the Women's club of Roseville.

Another portfolio containing work on the Early Netherlands, German, Late Flemish, and Dutch schools will be ready early in November.

These works should prove invaluable to any one desiring to act as leader of a section, and may be had

by the applicant paying the express charges.

Year books are not coming in as rapidly as desired. Any club publishing year books or monthly programs is invited to send a copy to the chairman of this department. Program committees are constantly asking for them.

As hostesses for the biennial of 1912, California clubwomen will read with interest the following message sent to the clubs of Southern Carolina by the state president, Mrs. M. T. Coleman--the communication appeared in the October number of *The Keystone*, the state official organ:

"Under the inspiration of the biennial, I have been eager for the publication of *The Keystone*, to send a message to the clubwomen of South Carolina, to share, if possible, my enthusiasm, and get into immediate activity every department of the federation. An activity that will bring into closer touch your executive, the heads of departments, and the individual clubwoman, not so much to propagate new and standing ideas, but to secure the best and fullest service from an already splendid organization. In this purpose there is a part for each of us. As your executive, I pledge myself to constant, untiring service, absolute impartiality to persons or departments, and a singlemindedness to your interests; the chairmen of departments may "thoroughly plan their work, and work their plan thoroughly;" while for the individual clubwoman, it remains, by loyalty and co-operation, to "help us or we die." I realize a great deal depends on the rudder, but much more on the strength of the craft.

"Write to me, let me write to you or come and talk with you; and let us each and every one, think and talk federation--what it has done and what it wants to do, as we have never done before."

Woman Suffrage was not the only

constitutional amendment that failed to pass in the recent referendum in Ohio. Seven others were turned down. They were the good roads bond issue; prohibition of outdoor advertising; regulation of labor injunctions; abolition of capital punishment; use of voting machines; appointment of women to certain offices; and elimination of the word "white" from the constitution. Ohio, however, opened the way to what her people need--and want--when she voted for the primaries, the initiative and the referendum. Through them, other good things will come.—Exchange.

"Fatigue and Efficiency," Josephine Goldmark's new book, with its preface by Dr. Frederick S. Lee, of Columbia University, deserves careful attention from readers who are interested in labor problems, especially that of shortening the legal working day for women. This book aims to present the scientist's ultimatum concerning the temporary and permanent effects of overwork.

The chapters on the nature of fatigue form only part of the book. Following are detailed accounts of experiments proving that up to a certain point the shortening of working hours increases the output of an industry, with studies of the new strain in industry and of conditions to be found in special industries. The second part of the book contains four briefs presented by Miss Goldmark and Louis D. Brandeis, in defense of laws limiting the hours of women's work in Oregon, Illinois and Ohio.

The started task is never so easy as now, the unfinished one never so hard as tomorrow.

A great institution is the lengthened shadow of one man.—Emerson.

It has been said I owe my success to genius. It is to work and not to genius that I owe my success.—Daniel Webster.

FIRST LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM C. F. W. C.

Mrs. George Edward Swan, State Chairman of Legislation

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Joint Guardianship.
Community Property.
Compensation for Mothers.
Maternity Homes.
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Minimum Wage for Women.
State Registration of Nurses.
Women's Building at State Fair.
Iowa Injunction and Abatement Act.
State Training Schools for Girls.
Raising Girls' Majority to 21.
Ethical, Vocational and Hygienic
Training in Public Schools.

Tuberculin Test for Dairies.
To Compel Fathers to Support Illegitimate Children.
To Enforce Laws for the Protection of Children.
Conservation.
Civil Service Reform.

Federal:

Uniform Marriage and Divorce Laws.
Conservation of Womanhood, Childhood, Home.
Employers' Liability and Workman's Compensation Act.
Peace Measures.

Know that the attitude of your senators and representatives toward these measures is positively friendly!

Study them in your clubs!

Publish them in your local paper!

Many inquiries come for copies of proposed bills; but at present very few bills are completely formulated, and even these are still open to criticism and correction.

The bill for State Registration of Nurses is in charge of the Nurses' Association of Los Angeles County. That for the woman's building at the state fair, is being carefully prepared by Mrs. J. L. Harbaugh of Sacramento, who successfully conducted a women's tent on the fair grounds this year, and knows the need of such a building. Mrs. Harbaugh is president of the Women's Council of Sacramento, and also Chairman of Legislation for the Northern district.

The Iowa Injunction and Abatement Act, is in the most efficient care of the W. T. C. W. ladies, who are out with excellent leaflets in regard to the same. Leaflet No. 3, by Franklin Hichborn, is most convincing, and should be read

by every clubwoman who needs to be awakened from a fatal apathy towards menacing conditions, conditions which are growing with startling rapidity under our very eyes—our closed eyes which refuse to see.

Raising the majority of girls is a matter of interest to several organizations.

Ethical, vocational and hygienic training in public schools is particularly the work of the Mothers' Congress. Mrs. Foster Elliot is doing most untiring and intelligent work upon forestry, and has a bill about ready for presentation.

Our work as a Federation has been very much centered upon forming a Women's State Legislative Council. A follow up letter was sent to such societies as failed to answer the first letter, and in most cases enthusiastic replies, promising co-operation, and appointing representatives, have been re-

ceived. Last month was printed the letter of invitation, and here is the second one:

Upland, Cal., Oct. 7, 1912.

My Dear —:

Some four weeks ago, I sent you a letter from the C. F. W. C. asking for your co-operation in forming a central legislative committee to act as a clearing house for all large organizations interested in securing new laws, and to prevent duplication of work.

I have received no reply from you.

Please consider the matter in all its urgent importance and I feel sure that you will write at once, assuring me of your willingness to join other organizations of women, in an endeavor to simplify and make efficient their effort to accomplish something worth while in legislation.

We hope to call a Legislative Conference in Los Angeles early in November to find out the present status of proposed bills, a few days later a similar conference will be held in Sacramento and then one in San Francisco. At these conferences the form of organization for the central committee can be decided upon, and all matters of expense, and so forth arranged. A simple, effective, inexpen-

sive machine is desirable and possible.

You will commit yourself to nothing more than approval of the effort by appointing a representative to be present at one of the meetings.

Please send me a list of bills which you are preparing to present at the next legislature.

Very sincerely,

(Mrs. Geo. E.) Marion Hawley Swan,
State Chairman Legislation.

The dates of the conferences are for Los Angeles, November 7; Sacramento, November 12; and the final one for organization in San Francisco, November 14.

William Hard, writing to me of this effort towards harmonious work among all large organizations of women, which is being initiated by the federation, says, "I think your plan for getting representatives of all the organizations into a common legislative council is most unusually wise and is likely to bring most unusual results in the way of effective support directed towards a comparatively few legislative subjects, acceptable to the mass of women voters. I hope you will be able to put it into operation." Delegates from some twelve large organizations will meet with us in these conferences, and there is every indication of a successful outcome of the federation's "Initiative Measure."

STATE CAMPAIGN FOR CIVIL SERVICE

Mrs. E. S. Karns, State Chairman Civil Service Reform

In her address on the Humanitarian Value of Civil Service, Jane Addams says: "In some wise or another the beneficent aspects of the merit system must be made clear, stated dramatically, if possible, that the system may become endeared to the public."

How much we wish these words of Jane Addams could sink deep into the hearts of all voters. For it is by the adoption of civil service reform that the aged poor, the sick and the insane, the fatherless and the motherless shall be properly cared for.

Dr. David Starr Jordan, another warm friend of civil service reform,

wrote the following leaflet especially for the state federation department of civil service reform:

One of the most important reforms in the National Administration has been the elimination, almost complete, which made of the minor offices of the government a system of spoils, the salaries used as bribe money in securing political success. This was part of a most vicious, weakening and degrading system arising under the maxim attributed to Andrew Jackson, "To the victors belong the spoils." It being the property of the people,

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Program—Executive Committee.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The policy of keeping in touch with the varied interests, needs, and conditions of the different parts of the state necessitated a trip to Humboldt county. The overland, or over-mountain-automobile route, is most interesting, and when one is in the midst of the virgin forests of the giant redwoods — *Sempervirens* — the importance and necessity of the National Forestry Service is painfully apparent. Each giant stump proclaims the sad fact that this unique forest of magni-

ficient redwoods is doomed to almost complete extermination in the course of the next generation.

The forestry committees in our federations cannot over emphasize the ever present necessity of the conservation of our natural and national resources. That the clubwomen of Humboldt county are alive to the steady denudation of their beautiful forests, is evident in the resolution they presented at the Paso Robles convention asking that immediate steps be taken

looking to the acquisition of a Redwood National Park from out the groves of Humboldt county. No one part of the forests was designated—but I understand there are several available portions of still virgin forests that might be purchased for this purpose.

When the railway is completed to Eureka the trip up the northern coast will attract a state convention. As it is now, a county federation meeting twice a year brings the clubs together for the pleasure of association, exchange of suggestions, and discussion of plans of mutual service.

The significant thing of this last meeting, was the agreement to erect a granite cross on Trinidad Head, a giant headland jutting out to sea, where tradition affirms that the early Spanish navigators erected a cross in commemoration of their advent on these far shores. The ancient cross has long since crumbled to dust, but the inscription thereon is in the government archives, and will be placed upon the cross that the modern clubwomen will erect in the near future.

Humboldt county is rich in the lore and the relics of their Indian tribes, and the clubwomen of Eureka have already a fine collection of interesting and valuable mementos housed in their Carnegie Library. When they are able to purchase suitable cases many more collections will be donated.

Every town has a thriving woman's club, and during a visit of four days I had the pleasure of speaking every day to some group of clubwomen on the plans of this present federation year.

Another section of the state which is somewhat isolated is in the northern district. Mrs. George W. McCoy, the district president, and Mrs. A. A. Goddard, vice president, have lately visited the Grass Valley region to carry the word of fellowship and reciprocity.

Other special occasions were, the President's day at the San Mateo Woman's club, and the San Francisco

county conference with the California club as hostess.

A recent letter from the San Joaquin district gave the executive board permission to select the dates and days for the state convention which is to be held at Fresno, and April 29, 30, May 1 and May 2, Tuesday to Friday inclusive, were chosen, provisionally. If these dates are agreeable to the Fresno people we trust they will meet with general approval, as they give time for reports of delegates at subsequent meetings of their respective clubs, before vacation period.

The General Federation Bulletin has announced that Mrs. Philip N. Moore will be a member of the Bulletin editorial staff, and that all state presidents will be considered associate members with the privilege of monthly letters.

The definite statement is made that the Endowment Fund is hereafter to be known as "The Sarah Platt Decker Memorial Endowment."

The following letter with Mrs. C. H. McMahon's signature is timely and club presidents will please note the suggestions. Mrs. McMahon further says in a personal letter:

"The entire Utah delegation were a unit in declaring they had the time of their lives at the biennial convention, and one and all were for moving to California immediately, but I said, 'No, we will come back to Utah and with the knowledge learned regarding methods of boosting we will make a second California of our own beloved state,' so we are at present doing that very thing, and even the climate has improved steadily here, from that time until now! Our fruit has never been more plentiful or better, the flowers have never lasted so long or blossomed more luxuriantly, nor rain been more timely, and all because we learned the lesson from you Californians, that to think a thing is true of your state, makes it true! That was the biggest lesson we learned, I am sure. I am much interested in some of the laws you are trying to secure and I am

going to present them to our legislative committee."

Cordially yours,

Mrs. J. W. Orr.

Dear Madam President:

At the French Lick board meeting, I was made advisory member of your state for the next two years. Being advisory member means, that any questions you care to have presented to board or council meetings relating to the program for biennial, better methods for presenting resolutions, presidents' (state) evening, department work, state work, or any information upon any action taken by the board which you do not understand, that you should consult with me, and I will gladly and to the best of my ability, help secure for you the needed information.

Personally, I am very anxious to have the states assigned me, California, Wyoming, Nevada, and Utah, in touch, and very close touch, with

every phase of the General Federation work, and further, I want you to feel that my time is yours where the General Federation interests are concerned.

Co-operation is to be one of the main features during this administration, and in order to secure this, we want to know as much as possible or as much as is consistent, of conditions in your state. Errors are often unwittingly made for lack of just such information. The General Federation is your federation, and I know you are anxious that we continue our progress with the least possible hindrance, so please give the board, through your advisory member, all the assistance possible.

Trusting I may be of some service to you, as well as to the General Federation in my capacity as advisory member, I am,

Most cordially yours,

Mrs. C. H. McMahon.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the executive board, C. F. W. C., was held at California club house, Saturday, October 19, Mrs. J. W. Orr in the chair.

Present: Mesdames Orr, Jones, Shuman, Lynch, Karns, Greene, Misses Briggs and Sheideman. Mrs. Stanwood was represented by Mrs. Rose Berry. The recording secretary, Mrs. F. D. Knight, being absent, Mrs. C. L. Bullock served in her place.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Applications for membership have been received from the following:

Sept. 24.—Laurel Canyon club, Los Angeles.

President, Mrs. Foster M. Price, Rural R. 10, Box 82, H. Hollywood.

Secretary, Mrs. J. A. Matthews, R. R. 10, Box 82, I. Hollywood.

Purpose—Advancement in all lines of culture.

Membership, twenty-two.

Oct. 1.—Oakhurst Civic Club, Oakhurst, Madera Co.

President, Mrs. Elena Nelson.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Bertha Brown.

Purpose—International advancement and bettering of conditions. Membership, sixteen.

Oct. 12.—Woman's Council, Sacramento.

President, Mrs. J. K. Harbough, 2706 H street.

Secretary, Mrs. F. A. Turner, 2930 G street.

Purpose—General improvement of city and county.

Membership, twenty.

Sept. 26.—Live Oak Woman's club, Live Oak.

President, Mrs. W. T. Francis, Live Oak.

Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Stafford.

Purpose—Civic, social and intellectual improvement.

Membership, forty-three.

Gilroy, Woman's Civic club.

President, Mrs. L. Ellis Forsyth.

Secretary, Marion Franklin.

Jackson, Woman's Improvement Club, Amador county.

Secretary, Mrs. Salna Greenhalgh.
San Francisco, The Alpha Neighborhood Club.

President, Mrs. Mary C. Bell.

Secretary, Mrs. Margaretta L. B. Potter.

Membership, forty-six.

The report of conference held at Shakespeare club house, Pasadena, Thursday, October 3, was read and accepted.

A letter from Mrs. McCoy, president of Northern district, reported great enthusiasm and activity in her district, especially in civic and legislative matters.

Mrs. Shuman, president of San Francisco district, reported great interest among her board members. Conferences have been held in Redwood City; San Jose; Napa—a two days' meeting, one with New Century club, and the second as guests of the Brown's Valley club; a Presidents' day in San Mateo; a county federation in Eureka for Humboldt county. The California club is to entertain the state president and the district president October 22.

Mrs. Orr made reference to a former proposed motion to elect the state federation corresponding secretary and the state chairman of legislation on the resolutions committee for the state federation meeting, and suggested that instead of such appointment, each district chairman should elect before convention two members of resident district for the resolutions committee, the board to elect the chairman.

Mrs. Lynch, president of Alameda district, announced the resignation of Mrs. J. F. Thane, chairman of waterways, and the appointment of Mrs. L. E. Cockroft, of Oakland, in her place.

Mrs. Karns, chairman civil service reform, reported that \$7 of her allowance of \$10 had been spent in her

work, and her chairmen were all showing great activity. At her request Dr. Jordan has written for her a leaflet of 250 words, 500 of which were printed and sent to district chairmen and others.

Mrs. Greene, chairman of waterways, reported that although well organized the work has been slow in starting as the names of some of the chairmen are just coming in, and suggested appointing chairmen earlier. Mrs. Greene moved that state chairmen be delegates from their respective districts to district conventions by virtue of their office. It was suggested that this motion be sent in as an amendment to constitution of district.

Mrs. Berry, chairman of art, read a letter from Mrs. Wilson regarding the art exhibits in the north in which she stated that so far she had had no requests from California clubs as to dates, though after December 6 the exhibition could be started south. It was voted that the state should pay expressage to California from Washington or Oregon to first point of exhibit in this state.

Mrs. Berry moved that as the state and district chairmen of art have no common work and are less closely united than other state and district chairmen, they unite in securing for the state a travelling art gallery of the works of California artists. It was so voted and Mrs. Berry was advised to put this suggestion in article to The Club Woman.

Mrs. Woodbridge, chairman of civics, told of special activity being shown in the San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Southern districts.

The chair announced that the president and board had been invited by Cap and Bells to receive with them at their second art exhibit, October 24.

Mrs. Orr stated that she had been asked, as state president, to send a monthly letter to the General Federation Bulletin.

Mrs. Lynch moved that the president be made state editor for California for the General Federation Bulletin. Seconded and carried.

Letters of congratulation on year book were read.

A letter was read from General Federation asking for suggestions as to possible revision of By-Laws.

Year books were received from the following clubs: Twentieth Century of Berkeley, Parlor Lecture club of Fresno, Crafton Woman's club, Ebells club of Oakland, Azusa Woman's club, San Jose Woman's club, Calexico

Woman's Improvement club, Woodland Shakespeare club, Saturday Afternoon club, Banning, Wanderer's Salinas, Santa Ana Woman's club, Ebells Society of Santa Ana Valley, Saturday Afternoon club of Santa Rosa, and Santa Clara Woman's club. Invitations were received to the following conventions: West Virginia, Georgia, Nevada and Kansas City.

The treasurer was instructed to pay to the General Federation the \$100 pledged at the biennial to the endowment fund.

CONFERENCE OF SOUTHERN BOARD MEMBERS

A conference of the state board members, C. F. W. C., was held at the Shakespeare clubhouse, Pasadena, October 3, Mrs. Calvin Hartwell presiding.

Reports were heard and many matters of importance discussed. A resolution was passed recommending that clubwomen of the state consider very carefully the State Produce Commission Bill, on the ground that if it passed, instead of attaining the desired object, it would involve enormous expense to taxpayers.

At the urgent written request of Mrs. George Swan, chairman of legislation, a resolution was passed opposing the appointment of a racing commission.

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An adjourned conference of state board members, C. F. W. C., was held at the Wednesday Morning club house, October 22, at 10 a. m., followed by luncheon. Mrs. Calvin Hartwell presided. Those present were: Mrs. Calvin Hartwell, Mrs. R. J. Waters, Mrs. Wm. Baurhyte, Mrs. W. C. Mushet, Mrs. Foster Elliot and Miss Annie Bock of Los Angeles district; Mrs. Ella Westland, Mrs. George Swan and Mrs. Henry De Nyse of the Southern district.

Mrs. Baurhyte, state chairman of philanthropy, in her report told of progress throughout the state, dwell-

ing especially on the fine work being accomplished by Los Angeles district. She stated that the county supervisors are building a necessary addition to Maternity cottage in Los Angeles and contributing \$100 per month toward its maintenance; that Bethlehem Inn, Long Beach, is progressing nicely, the town having agreed to supply any monthly deficit in funds; also that the Psychopathic Parole Society is caring for an average of seventeen patients per month.

Mrs. George Swan, state chairman of legislation, spoke enthusiastically of her work and of the strong and vigorous campaign being waged by her, and gave the following list of state organizations which are uniting to form a Woman's State Legislative Council: Y. W. C. A., W. C. T. U., Mothers' Congress, Parent Teachers' Association, California Civic League, Native Daughters, State Nurses' Association, Collegiate Alumnae Association, Child's Welfare League, League for Protection of Motherhood.

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WHAT THE DISTRICTS ARE DOING

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

Mrs. McCoy was honored guest at the opening, October 1, of the Tuesday club of Sacramento. This club has expended \$36,000 for a clubhouse. Mrs. Goddard, vice president, C. F. W. C., was enthusiastically received, reporting on the biennial in an address full of wit and pathos.

Mrs. Lillian Burkhardt Goldsmith of Los Angeles gave a dramatic reading of "Everywoman" in her usual splendid style.

Professor B. R. Baumgardt will lecture before the club.

Mrs. McCoy will also visit the Thursday club of Fair Oaks.

SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT

A meeting of the San Francisco executive board took place October 16 at Palace Hotel, with an attendance of eighteen.

October 26, Saturday Afternoon club of Santa Cruz had as a special guest for their first club day Mrs. Percy L. Shuman, district president. A fine program was given by the Passmore sisters, who are excellent musicians.

The Philomath club of San Francisco enjoyed a most interesting afternoon recently. Prof. Edward Krehbiel, of the History Department of Stanford University, delivered an address on "About Atlanta Fifty Years After Sherman." Prof. Krehbiel is assistant to Dr. Jordan in the "Peace Movement," and spent last summer on Southern battlefields collecting data for the same.

California club paid a graceful compliment to Mrs. J. W. Orr, by dedicating a day to "Federation." Mrs. E. S. Karns, state chairman of civil service reform, gave an interesting address on that subject. Mrs. E. G. Greene, state chairman of waterways, in a stirring address appealed to all clubwomen to do all in their power to educate the

public on waterways and bring people to a realization of the importance of this project as one of the resources of the state.

Mrs. Rose V. S. Berry, acting state president of art, spoke on this subject for which she is so well qualified. She urged women to cultivate the artistic side of their nature and to study art for art's sake.

Mrs. Eugene Elkus sang most delightfully.

Mrs. Percy L. Shuman, president of San Francisco district, said we should endeavor to pattern our lives after such women as the lamented Sarah Platt Decker and Baroness Bertha Von Suttner—women whose names will go down "the corridors of time" as women who had a definite purpose in life and left no stone unturned to accomplish that purpose.

Mrs. J. W. Orr, who was most enthusiastically received, painted a most beautiful word picture of what Federation has done for her, and urged all women to do their duty when the responsibility of club work is thrust upon them. Mrs. Orr stated that her aim as state president will be to "carry the lighted torch a little higher and a little further."

SAN JOAQUIN DISTRICT.

The attendance was large at the first meeting of the executive board of San Joaquin district, held early in October, many clubs being represented.

Indications are that the present year is to be the most prosperous and interesting in the history of this district, many clubs having planned new and broader lines of study and work.

The Parlor Lecture club is out with its eighteenth annual announcement, done attractively in a violet cover. Judging from the programs announced within, each will prove of great value to both members and invited guests. The club has elected the following officers for the year: President, Mrs.

George H. Taylor; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. M. E. Sherman and Mrs. H. W. Neely; Recording Secretary, Mrs. F. Liddeke; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Eva B. Clark; Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Stebbins; Trustee, Mrs. O. L. Everts.

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.

With October came the renewal of club activities throughout Los Angeles district, and these activities promise for the coming year to be more far reaching and vital than in previous years. A glance at the various programs indicates that "Social Service" will be the keynote of future club work in many instances.

Members of Sierra Madre Woman's club have made their clubhouse a real social center. By means of dances, picture shows and other amusements, they are aiming to keep young people from seeking entertainment in the city.

Eighty members of the Wednesday Progressive club of Gardena, with friends from neighboring cities, gathered to celebrate the opening of their attractive new clubhouse, October 2. The building was erected at a cost of \$1700 on a lot presented by Mrs. Barbara B. Jones.

Clubhouse activity characterizes Los Angeles district this year. Highland Park, El Monte and South Pasadena already having their new club homes in various stages of erection. Highland Park's commodious new home will be ready for the cornerstone ceremonies November 19.

Other clubs in this district which own their lots and are devising ways and means to complete the building fund, are Hollywood Woman's club, Tuesday Afternoon club of Glendale, the Eagle Rock club and Woman's club of Redondo Beach.

"A wonderful day," is the report being circulated about Reciprocity Day at Long Beach Ebell. Two hundred sat down to the luncheon that preceded the round-table discussion. Guests were the president and chairman of household economics from each club in the district. The round-table was entirely discussion, led by Mrs. C. C. Adams, Los Angeles district chairman of household economics.

Civic Day, held October 19 at the Friday Morning clubhouse was a most profitable occasion for the hundred or more who listened to the program, following a luncheon where covers were laid for seventy-five. The day was in charge of Mrs. C. W. Herron, district chairman of civics, and Mrs. W. K. Walker, chairman of forestry. The presidents and chairmen of civics and forestry from each club in the district were invited.

The History and Landmarks committee, Los Angeles district, under the leadership of the chairman, Miss Mary Rhodes, entertained with a delightful picnic October 12 at Sycamore Grove. Special guests were speakers who have consented to appear before the clubs of the district for 1912-13. Among those who have offered their services are: Prof. J. M. Guinn, presi-

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Miss Edith Hobson, gave a most interesting account of the cross-raising at Ventura.

Greetings were read from the state chairman, Mrs. William Fairchild, of Placerville.

Ebell celebrated charter day, October 28. It was a time of great rejoicing over the wonderful results achieved during the years of its existence.

This club was organized in 1894, incorporated three years later, and in 1897 became a charter member of the State Federation. There are at present 1250 members.

The president, Mrs. W. L. Jones, a woman of untiring effort and broad vision, is entering upon her first year as chief executive.

Wednesday Morning club will hold informal round table discussions on civic questions during the club's luncheon each Wednesday. Wednesday Morning club is among those clubs which intend to open their houses to further the cause of social service, by giving women wage-earners an opportunity to enjoy evenings of recreation.

Nine hundred members attended the reception of the Friday Morning club, October 29, for the purpose of celebrating the twenty-first birthday of the organization.

Standing in line were past presidents, members of the board, and the

present president, Mrs. D. C. McCan, to whom Mrs. Andrew Francisco, chairman of hospitality, presented members and guests as they crowded by.

Mme. Caroline M. Severance regretted that her ninety-three years made it impossible for her to stand the strain of a great gathering; however, she came in an electric brougham with Mrs. R. J. Waters to the door of the club house and waved congratulations to the members within. Mrs. McCan carried to her an armful of violets.

There was a large attendance at the first meeting of the Alhambra Woman's club. After the opening address by the president, Mrs. E. Van Graham, Mrs. W. C. Mushet, president of Los Angeles district, gave a comprehensive talk on "Federation."

The Ventura County Association of Clubs held the second of its semi-annual meetings for this year at Foster Memorial Park, October 19, and as this was the social meeting, it took the form of a Gypsy picnic.

Each club member had been asked to appear in gypsy costume, and each club to present some "stunt," the outcome being an occasion that was a surprise and pleasure to all. Following a banquet there were dances, songs, fortune telling, bartering of laces, jewelry and even horses, and last of all a gypsy wedding with its dances and gorgeous display.

It was a source of regret that Mrs. E. D. Knight of San Francisco, recording secretary, C. F. W. C., who was recently in Los Angeles, should have been suddenly called north, thus curtailing her visit. While in the city she spoke at luncheon at the Friday Morning club.

Mrs. H. C. Stockwell is the only woman member of the Civil Service Reform League, recently formed.

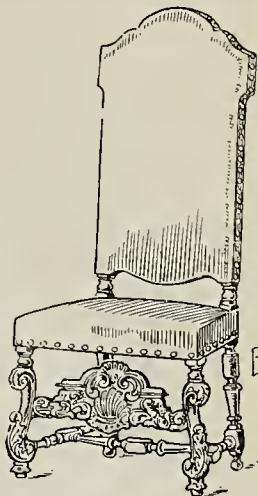
Mrs. S. L. Wiley, president of San Joaquin district, spent a few days the last of October in Lindsay, Exeter, Strathmore and other towns in the vicinity of Fresno. Mrs. Wiley spoke at

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

The executive board of the Southern district met recently at Mission Inn, Riverside, for a business session, at which the president, Mrs. Ella Westland, presided, and at 10 o'clock addressed the meeting on the work of the district.

Adjournment was made at noon and the ladies sat down to a delightful luncheon at which Mrs. W. C. Mushet, president of Los Angeles district, was guest of honor. Members of the executive board present were Mrs. Ella Westland, Upland; Mrs. J. H. Holland, vice-president of the district, from Riverside; Miss Gertrude V. Reid, Cucamonga, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Miguel Estudillo, Riverside, chairman of art; Mrs. E. L. Quinn, East Newport, chairman of civics; Mrs. F. H. Manker, Upland, chairman of press; Dr. L. H. Clarke, Riverside, chairman

of legislation; Mrs. H. C. Lash, Rialto, chairman of forestry; Mrs. A. E. Resor, Redlands, chairman of waterways. After lunch, reports of the chairmen were heard.

Woman's Improvement club of Corona is planning to begin the new clubhouse shortly, hoping to have it finished in season for the district meeting in January. This club owns a lot, and has between six and seven thousand dollars in hand toward a new building.

Mrs. Miguel Estudillo, president of Wednesday Morning club, Riverside, gave an exhibition-tea to her fellow-members at Mission Inn. It was one of the cleverest affairs imaginable and an auspicious opening of the club season. At the first meeting of this club, Mrs. K. D. Harger gave a delineation of the life of Maeterlinck, followed by an interesting review of his masterpiece, "The Blue Bird."

At a recent meeting of the Woman's club of Santa Ana, a paper on music

and musicians was presented by Professor Eardley, Mrs. Densmore playing selections from composers whose compositions he discussed.

Mrs. J. N. Norton gave an excellent talk on "Household Economics," in which she proved that most housewives need a greater degree of efficiency in judging sanitary conditions, and the clothing and food used in the home.

Reciprocity day will be spent in Birch Park, October 29, and all Orange county clubs are invited.

Crafton Woman's club is taking up the study of Civil Government and also giving some time to the study and discussion of the following topics: "Education," "Household Economics," "History and Landmarks," "Forestry," "California Poets," "Current Literature," "Art," and "Industrial and Social Conditions."

The opening event of La Mesa club was a reception at the home of Mrs. Orrin Todd. The president, Mrs. E. C. Barney, gave an address. This club is happy to report that they have a new clubhouse in process of construction.

Another session of La Mesa was devoted to various phases of California life. The papers read were: "Pathfinders of the West," "Early Modes of Transportation to the West," and "The Western Woman versus Her Eastern Sister."

Two interesting meetings held dur-

ing the month of October by the Pacific Beach Reading club, were Presidents' Day and Founders' Day. At the latter, Mrs. Rose Hartwick Thorpe, the first president, gave a review of the club from 1895 to the present.

The first meeting of the Woman's club of Upland, Mrs. George Cable, president, was an open gathering to which the townspeople were invited. Mrs. Ella Westland, president of Southern district, greeted the visitors. Mrs. R. J. Waters, General Federation secretary, spoke on, "What Women's Clubs Have Accomplished." This club is taking up section work, meeting in the evening for the study of music, civics, etc. Also with an eye to business, it is paying for a lot on which it is planned to erect a clubhouse.

Mrs. Frances Squire Potter, writing of the increasing prestige and rapidly broadening field of the club movement, declares that the General Federation may congratulate itself that persons, institutions, organizations, once indifferent, are beginning to criticize, encourage, or advise; that magazines, once uninterested, are beginning to invite what the federation could find no means of printing hitherto except through its own press; that experts once counselling, are now coöperating.

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Mrs. Foster Elliott, State Chairman of Forestry

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It is the proper regulation of stream

flow that makes agriculture possible and more and more furnishes the power for our industries. Probably nowhere in the country are the welfare and prosperity of the people more dependent upon the preservation of the forest cover than here in California. With our limited rainfall—short wet and long dry seasons—it is imperative that our forests should be preserved. We are dependent upon our mountains for the life-giving water for irrigation. It therefore follows that fire must be kept out of the forest, and then natural reforestation can be looked for, and the saplings and young trees which today are regarded as of little value will have an opportunity to mature. If we can overcome the fire hazard we can let the forest do its own planting. "The greatest obstacle in the way of forestry is forest fires. The enemy can never be mastered except by organized effort. With the fires mastered the rest is comparatively easy. We must therefore, with all our forces, national, state and private, endeavor to overcome the fire menaces."

RECOMMENDATIONS

The work of women's clubs must be largely educational, and we hope that everywhere the clubwoman will listen to the forestry chairman and give her a place on the program.

First.—We urge the giving of practical talks before clubs and in schools, talks to be illustrated with slides loaned by the United States Forest Service: Set 1, General Conservation; Set 2, General Forestry; Set. 3, The Work of the U. S. Forest Service; the two latter having special reference to conditions in California.

Second.—To get in touch with the schools and interest the teachers, so that these instructive slides may be put before the children; to have a place on the program at teachers' institutes, so that the teachers may realize the value of these slides.

Third.—If there is not already such a body, to urge supervisors to appoint a "County Board of Forestry, who

shall have charge of all trees and plants growing upon the public highways."

Fourth,—To urge club membership in American Forestry Association, dues One Dollar per year; subscription for monthly publication "American Forestry," Two Dollars per year, Washington, D. C.

Fifth.—It would be well if each district chairman would get together a little forestry library—Forest Service Bulletins, pamphlets, magazine articles, and other reliable information—the same to be the property of the district.

Sixth.—Urge uniform planting of trees on streets and roads. Study the needs of your locality, educate the people to demand laws for their community.

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Mrs. E. G. Greene, State Chairman of Waterways Committee

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The work of the waterway committee of the Federation is both educational and practical; it aims to secure a corps of interested, well-informed and enthusiastic workers, who desire to keep in touch with the general work and who are keenly aroused to the needs of their locality.

Women in many states are taking an active interest. Seven Woman's National Rivers and Harbors Conventions have considered waterway questions and have planned activities. An awakened intelligent womanhood crowned with the privilege of citizenship has in her keeping great power and equal responsibility. There is no clearer call to service for the state than the conservation and utilization of its waters. This is California's urgent need today, that she may take and maintain her place in the commerce of the world.

No state has more wonderful possibilities for development along the line of water-projects than California, the Mecca of the world in 1915, when it is certain that even Californians themselves will be surprised to see the objective presentation of its advanced position.

The opening of the Panama Canal emphasizes very forcibly the reasons for renewed activity in the varied projects already begun. Years have been given to study, research and experimental work; a very large sum of money has been expended.

For twenty years after the admission of the state into the Union the river system of northern California was its most important and cheapest means of transportation.

Through the shoaling of these rivers by the debris from hydraulic mining, the beds of the rivers were filled and navigation rendered impossible. Finally, the railroad dominated the transportation business.

Within the last few years, work upon river development has received great impetus. World-wide testimony supports California in her policy of reviving and improving the inland navigation. To illustrate: The canalizing of the river Main in the heart of Germany in 1886 enabled the city of Frankfurt to ship goods by water to or from any part on the Seven Seas. The same development of commerce is true in Holland and Belgium. In these three countries, all of which could be contained in the state of Texas, the foreign trade was far in excess of the foreign trade of the United States. Germany alone exceeded the United States by \$502,000,000.00. This condition is largely due to the fact that they have a better system of roads, more railroads, and unsurpassed waterways.

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FORESTRY RECOMMENDATIONS

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STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES

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When the California Federation of Women's Clubs, at their convention at Paso Robles, passed a resolution to endorse the proposed bill for state registration of graduate nurses, it gave an added impetus to an effort of eight years' duration among the nurses of California.

This endorsement is a source of great strength, and it is with renewed heart and quickened activities the legislative committee of the California State Nurses' Association of 1912-13 will take up the work of again placing their cause before the legislature.

State registration probably does not mean much to those who are not nurses. Nurses have lived largely to themselves; they have not, to any great extent, entered into the work being carried on about them by other women, this being due, perhaps, to the peculiar character of their work. However, in our profession, work for its improvement has been going on and one of the things accomplished in many states is the passage of registration bills.

State registration of nurses means higher educational qualifications—higher standards. Up to a few years ago, there was no uniformity in the courses of study pursued in the various training schools throughout the country, there was no general standard of training; the progressive nurses felt that, until nursing education was systematized, there could be no hope for general improvement in the profession. It was felt that the nursing of the sick was a subject of interest to every class in every community, and

hence it was extremely important that those who undertook the responsibility of this work should be not only trustworthy from a personal point of view, but skilled also in their technical duties. It was felt that there should be a uniformity of requirements and that this regulation of nursing education should come through state legislation.

Up to the present time, thirty states have passed bills for the registration of nurses. These bills have requirements which all training schools must live up to if they wish their graduates to be eligible for registration; that is, eligible for the examinations which, when passed, entitle a nurse to write R. N., meaning Registered Nurse, after her name. These bills also demand that applicants for admission to training schools must measure up to certain requirements before they may be admitted as probationers.

It will be seen that state registration will add dignity to the nursing profession. It will draw more closely the line which separates the woman who poses as a graduate nurse, and the woman who has been trained in a hit or miss sort of way in an inferior training school, from the woman who has given three years of her time, in order that she may perfect her skill and use it intelligently. State registration will protect the public from the unskilled. People will soon learn to ask, "Is she a registered nurse?" and, where state registration exists, it is an offence against the state law for any nurse not properly qualified to style herself "registered nurse."

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In March, 1905, the California Bill for Registration of Nurses, passed by the legislature and signed by the governor, gave the nurses three years in

which they might become registered without taking examinations, or until July, 1908. It was left to the regents of the State University to put this bill into execution; but, either through lack of interest or because of some outside influence, they failed to assume the responsibility until June, 1909, one year after the time for registration, without examinations had passed. At this time, June, 1909, the regents ap-

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CIVIL SERVICE CAMPAIGN*(Continued from page 10.)*

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Through the efforts of many good and patriotic men, notably George William Curtis, Dorman B. Eaton and E. L. Godkin, and by the official strength of Presidents Cleveland, Harrison and Roosevelt, the elimination of most of this evil in the national government was achieved. But this form of graft and corruption still prevails, more or less legally recognized in some of our state governments and in all of those of our cities which we recognize as badly governed.

The stream of our national politics can never be kept pure so long as the local springs of self-government are polluted.

It is impossible to overestimate the moral change in the politics of the whole country when the burden of the Spoils System was lifted from it. A similar and even greater change will come when the last trace of it is gone from the elimination of local affairs.

A civil service reform campaign is now on in California. This campaign is led by the State Civil Service Reform League, of which Dr. Francis Kellogg of Los Angeles is president.

The league is now drafting a civil service bill, which will be introduced in the legislature next winter. The bill has not been perfected in its final form as yet. This new bill will be

based on the bill introduced in the legislature of 1911, with a modification to meet the County Rule Act, and the addition of an Emergency Bureau.

Copies of the printed bill will be sent to the civil service reform department of the California Federation of Women's Clubs in a short time.

When received, copies of the bill will be sent to district chairmen, who will acquaint the clubs of its provisions. The civil service department of the clubs will probably issue leaflets which will also give the provisions of the bill. We ask every club woman to inform her family and friends respecting this bill. It is an opportunity that club women and the friends of civil service reform have been waiting for. Let us take advantage of it.

Interview as many newly elected officials as possible as to their attitude toward civil service reform. Urge the merits of the bill up to the time of the meeting of the legislature in January.

The state department of civil service reform wishes to here publicly congratulate the Civil Service Commission of Los Angeles upon its appointment of a woman to its board. It is the first appointment of the kind ever made by a city. The clubwomen of California feel very proud of the appointment of Mrs. D. C. McCann to this responsible position. They appreciate the broadmindedness which prompted the act. Clubwomen believe the Civil Service Commissions of San Francisco and Oakland will soon follow the initiative of Los Angeles in this respect.

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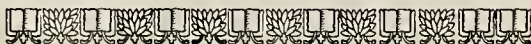


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As acting state chairman of art, I wish to impress it upon all the clubs of the California Federation that we now have an opportunity which will not come our way again soon. The three art collections belonging to the General Federation are now in Idaho and Washington, where they have been highly praised and drawn large and enthusiastic crowds. It is greatly to be desired that California shall take these exhibits when its turn shall come, which will be soon after December 6.

These traveling galleries are exhibited purely as a matter of education—though all pictures are for sale. Those sold are taken out of the collection at the end of the exhibitions in the state, places being refilled by the same artist. Ten per cent of the sale price goes to the club making the sale. Towns should be urged to purchase pictures for public buildings.

All pictures are framed in light frames to lessen the expressage and protect the paintings—these frames belong to the General Federation. The etchings and water colors are matted. The cost to each club includes the expressage from the place of the last exhibition and a small fee of \$5 to the General Federation if one collection is used, \$10 if all three are taken. This charge is to cover the expense of framing, printing, etc. All three of the ex-

hibitions can be nicely managed at one time if desired, catalogues are furnished to hang in the rooms but not for free distribution. The average expense to the club for the cost is estimated to be between twelve and fifteen dollars.

It is requested that the exhibition be held in fireproof buildings when possible, and a responsible clubwoman shall always be present during exhibition hours. An admission fee is optional with the club handling the galleries, but all public schools are admitted free and urged to come.

These collections are by the finest artists of the Middle West and the subject matter embraces themes from all over Europe and America. The prices range from \$10 to \$400 and the merit is there to speak for itself.

Letters urging each district art chairman to put forth every effort to secure dates in her territory have been sent out, but we can save these chairmen much time and work if the presidents of our clubs will interest themselves in this matter. Whether your club has an art section or not, set aside a day for an art program and give these fine pictures as a setting—you will find three days given to them all too short, and if your club cannot buy or sell any of the collection at least having had them with you will have meant a happy and profitable occasion.

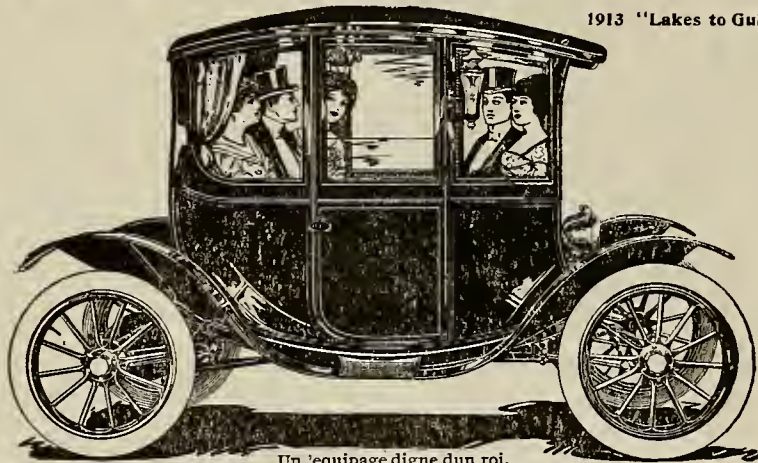
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pointed a state board of examiners, consisting of three nurses and one physician from the northern part of the state, and two nurses and one physician from Southern California. After the board was appointed, the bill might have been put into effect at once, but this meant that all nurses who wished to be registered had to take examinations, and it was the opinion of the board that this would not be fair to nurses who had been out of

training for any length of time. As all interested probably know, a time of waiver has been allowed physicians in all states when state registration became enforced. The board felt that the only fair thing to do was to amend the bill and give an additional year in which to register without examinations. This was done and, at the last session of the legislature, the amended bill was passed by both houses; but Governor Johnson failed to sign it. It was one of the many bills "pocketed."

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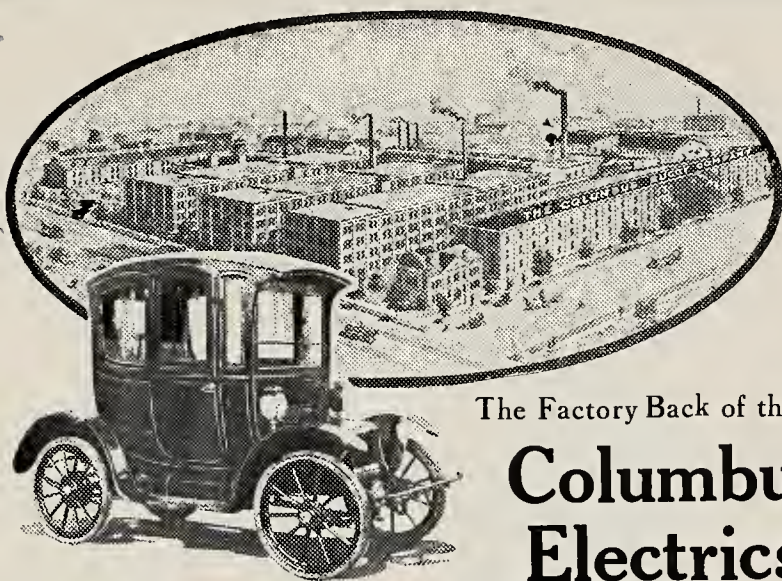
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EDITORIAL

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring happy bells across the snow—
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the truth of love and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.
—Tennyson.

Three announcements of importance come from Mrs. Pennybacker this month, namely:

First, Mrs. John Threadgill, who, it will be remembered, was re-elected to the treasurership of the General Federation at the San Francisco biennial, has found it necessary on account of illness in her family, to resign, and Mrs. William B. Williams, of Lapeer, Mich., one of the directors, elected to the office. The directorate thus made vacant, has been tendered Miss Georgie Bacon of Worcester, Mass.

Second:—Dates for the Council meeting at Washington are definitely

announced as April 22, 23, 24.

Third:—The new field chairman of the endowment fund is Mrs. W. K. James, of St. Joseph, Mo., said by Mrs. Pennybacker to be "a forceful, logical and appealing speaker." It is suggested that each state federation not having paid its pro rata, invite Mrs. James to address state and district meetings.

Owing to the return of the Lambardi Grand Opera Company the first week in March, the annual meeting of Los Angeles district, which had been set for March 5, 6, 7, is announced for the third week of the month. The session is to be held at Pomona, as first planned.

A movement to establish popular Sunday afternoon concerts in Los Angeles, inaugurated early in November under the auspices of the Southern California Music Teachers' Association, might almost be an outgrowth of Federation activities, so generally is it being endorsed by the local clubs. This effort to make it possible for the general public to hear good music at a nominal price—single admission is 25 cents—is attracting audiences of approximately 2,000, and sometimes more, and would be rated as unqualifiedly successful, were it not for the ever present financial problem, that the door receipts are not adequately meeting.

A fund created by individual subscription has been suggested as a means of meeting the situation, and making the weekly concerts possible until such time as they shall become self-supporting or as the anticipated auditorium shall crown Normal hill.

Excepting the Harmonic club, which with a membership of forty, has guaranteed \$25, the endorsement of the clubs has not in any case, as understood by The Club Woman, carried promise of financial backing. With a state music department, which in less than a year has attained such significance that a district board has seen fit to postpone the annual session in favor of a return Grand Opera engagement, it would seem that the women's clubs in and about Los Angeles would be acting quite in harmony with the

Federation spirit if through their music committees, financial support should be given this uplift movement.

The Woman Citizen Library, soon to be published in Chicago under the direct supervision of Rev. Shailer Mathews, D. D., and with the coöperation of specialists of international repute, will consist of twelve volumes, designed to present a systematic course of reading in preparation for the higher citizenship.

Mrs. George W. Herron, Los Angeles' district chairman of civics, represents California on the advisory council, G. F. W. C., Mrs. George Zimmerman, a prominent figure at the San Francisco biennial by virtue of her office and activities as chairman of civics, represents Ohio on the council.

WHEN SHALL PEACE COME?

MISS JESSICA LEE BRIGGS,
State Corresponding Secretary

There are those who think that war is necessary, but woman, "who pays the first cost on all human life," has rung its knell.

Yet, what is War? It is not only confined to the battlefield of the sword. Peace has a far greater significance than the abilation of the gatling-gun and the cannon.

Peace is like the "still small voice," and comes from within going out unto all the world.

But when shall peace come?

Peace shall come when womankind refuses to adorn her body with garments which are besmirched by the hand of the spoiler whose hugh shadow has fallen darkly across the bent necks and sweating brows of the millions and upon the hosts of slaughtered innocents.

Peace shall come when the helping hand is given to the despairing and when reason transcends the crudities of self-righteousness. When a democracy of the soul has been established.

Peace shall come when neighbor recognizes his inter-relationships and

dependencies upon neighbor and protects all life and property in protecting his own.

Peace shall come when legalized vengeance has been abased and the stern, ancient law of 'an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth' has been abandoned.

Peace shall come when education concerns itself more with the unfolding of the inner consciousness than the wearing of a pedagogical cap and gown.

Peace shall come when poise has gained supremacy so that praise and blame alike shall have lost their power to cripple rightful purpose.

Peace shall come when the soul has gained the victory over the body.

Peace shall come as naturally as the flowers bloom and the birds sing when we teach the spirit to lift its voice in praise and thanksgiving to the Almighty God.

Peace shall come when the Golden Rule is established, not for its ethical values, but because it is a command of the Absolute which recognizes only One and contains all within that One.

FIRST LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM C. F. W. C.

Mrs. George Edward Swan, State Chairman of Legislation

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Peace Measures.

Know that the attitude of your senators and representatives toward these measures is positively friendly!

Study them in your clubs!

Publish them in your local paper!

LEGISLATIVE NOTES

The legislative conferences took place as announced. The preliminary meetings in Los Angeles and Sacramento were well attended. In San Francisco the conference held at the California clubhouse, November 14, was significant and unique. Twenty organizations were represented. The C. F. W. C. platform was read and discussed. Mrs. Swan reported upon her visit to Sacramento, and the helpful attitude of those in authority towards the legislation favored by women. The fact that only four bills were yet drawn up, surprised all present, so each delegate became responsible to find out about and hurry up the preparation of some special measure on the list, and another meeting for December 2, was called.

Many new matters not included in

our list was ably presented by delegates present. Among them prison reforms; an amendment to the Humane Society Law, abolishing all fees; a bureau for the protection of children and animals, such as now is in operation in Colorado; pensions for teachers, etc. These may be endorsed later by the conference, but our own enthusiasm has plenty of outlet in supporting the measures already endorsed by the federation. We must not undertake too much for fear of accomplishing too little. Other years are coming!

Great interest is everywhere evidenced in regard to the granting of health certificates before licenses can be granted for marriage. The good women and the good men of the state are of one mind to make it possible

that the next generation of little children shall be well born.

But how to legislate so that incurable disease shall be a bar to parenthood, is a subject requiring wisdom, sanity and a clear vision of the need of the self sacrifice of some for the greater good of humanity.

The work of the Psychopathic Parole society of Los Angeles is attracting deserved attention. Certain clubwomen have been working for six months with the unfortunate women brought before the Lunacy commission, who are only slightly unbalanced. They take them to a beautiful home, Resthaven, surround them with an atmosphere of care and attention and many are entirely restored without going to an insane hospital. The state should aid in this merciful endeavor to pre-

vent insanity, as it represents a large economic saving to the state.

The Mother's Pension Bill is a favorite measure, but at this writing, no satisfactory bill is prepared.

It is very mortifying to continue to reply to the demand of clubs for bills, "Few ready!" You will have received the Iowa Injunction and Abatement Act by this time; with the admirable leaflet by Franklin Hichborn.

Remember, we are hoping to help the Forestry Bureau to get a larger appropriation for printing.

We women are new to legislation, but the hopeful sign is that we are ready and anxious to learn how.

When such intelligent, purposeful women come together, as were at the splendid Legislative Conference in San Francisco, all things seem possible.

INCREASED APPROPRIATIONS FOR FORESTRY

MRS. FOSTER ELLIOT.

State Chairman of Forestry

The welfare of our state demands that immediate and practical action be taken to preserve our forests, and with this end in view, it is necessary that a sufficient appropriation be made to protect the forests from fire, and to carry on constructive work throughout the state. It is estimated that a biennial appropriation of \$132,000 will be needed; this will put an adequate force of men in the field during the fire-hazard months, and provide for their expenses and equipment, etc.

The present biennial appropriation for printing, publishing, and binding is \$2500; all stationery, binding, publishing reports etc., must be paid from this sum, and any one at all familiar with this work will realize at once that this amount is insufficient.

A biennial sum of at least \$7500 should be apportioned in order that the results of research work, which is essential to the prosperity of the state, can be put before the people, to whom it belongs. This, if obtained, will be an INITIAL APPROPRIATION and will enable the State Board of Forestry to issue literature which will be of incalculable benefit to those engaged in

any branch of industry connected with the forests. It will also make it possible to do more educational work among our school children, our future citizens, and teach them the uses of the forests, and the imperative need for their preservation.

The California Federation of Women's Clubs stands behind this movement, and appeals to all clubwomen to work for this increased forestry appropriation; appeal to your senators and assemblymen, and enlist their good will and coöperation; put all your enthusiasm into the Cause; support your state forester and encourage him in his work by securing an adequate sum of money for his department.

State recognition of the Los Angeles Psychopathic Parole Society and its record of accomplishment comes to the president of the society, Mrs. E. C. Stockwell, to whom the state board of control, the state board of health, and the state lunacy commission, through their official representatives, have applied in regard to data for a bill that shall establish, and make an appropriation for, a state psychopathic asylum.

California Federation of Women's Clubs

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Program—Executive Committee.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Address delivered by

Mrs. J. W. Orr at Santa Cruz before the San Francisco District Convention

This is a special opportunity to put into a few sentences the federation spirit or purpose; for all purpose has a spiritual background.

The club spirit has come to be intensified service. Our form of service, defined in the federation program, is very much like ourselves; it is "motherliness" at large; an extension of the governing spirit of the home into the body politic and body social.

It is based on love and sympathy,

and a community of interests.

We cannot, nor do we want to, divorce the club movement from the great vocation of women, which is the complete realization of life, in the home, in motherhood, in social service.

The clubwoman's "collect" may well be expressed in this trilogy; "We aspire to be strong intelligent mothers, capable partners in family life, and fair-minded women in our daily contact with society."

In our club work we are democratic enough to lose sight of differences of religion, politics, or social manners and conventions. We exact only the common respect of all for one another. The bond of fellowship in service, and the very light financial bond, expressed in dimes, not dollars, is the tenuous tie that binds us together. But the invisible values of life are stronger than constitutions and by-laws, dues or benefits.

The kind of things we do at any given period of our associate life, are determined by the circumstance and condition of that period.

One reading the history of our organization, will see how unconsciously, yet persistently, despite changes in personnel, and in control, the federation has steadily strengthened its conception of its province. In the steady progression of woman's emancipation along all lines, it has given us a dignified avenue of expression in social service, for the organization is flexible, and adaptable, and therefore serviceable.

This is a brief but sympathetic survey of clubwomen. Overcoming our natural tendency toward the private and particular, we endeavor to be less personal, and more communal, less concretely conscientious, but with a deeper concept of social consciousness.

The California Federation, one of the sisterhood of state federations, meets her own questions of adjustment as they arise. Responsive to call, or need, any change in activity, that seems radical, has been growing toward expression and is simply the climax of any given period, all things contributing thereto.

We are finding that the door lately opened to women in California, gives upon a new vista. As we advance from the threshold, and face the open road, we find ourselves possessed with a fine spirit of adventure. Still we must make a choice guided by our experience, and our inexperience. To take the unexpectedness, the uncertainty, the faith, the hope, out of our

life and work would indeed leave it "stale, flat and unprofitable."

It is just this delightful prospect that opens up before us. What shall we do, as a federation, with this added power of political equality?

It is an embarrassment of riches. As Robert Louis Stevenson said: "The world is so full of a number of things, I am sure we should all be as happy as kings," and we might add, especially in California, when we have a variety and a diversity of interests.

It is well to remind ourselves, that increased responsibility rests upon a free people.

While we can individually subscribe to an "ism" or call ourselves by a descriptive substantive ending with an "ist" or an "ive," yet collectively, in the federation, we must avoid the limitations of parties, and walk in the broad highway of human interests. This surely is not the path that leads to destruction. Those that walk therein, shall find in this cosmopolitan company of souls, a unity and a selflessness of purpose, with enough diversity to make it interesting.

"The social welfare" is a good phrase, which might well be the "acid test" of our political activities.

Remedial legislation knows no restriction of party and bears no tag.

We cannot hope to avoid conflict and criticism, but if we encounter it, it will be a criticism of methods, and not of the character of our work, and methods are debatable things.

Change in activities does not mean instability of purpose, it indicates a fresh outlook along new avenues of service. There is a revival of organization among non-club women, a tendency to unite in groups, with a purpose or a platform, and with or without a party tag, but the subconscious intent is to serve some human need. Here, and now, and hereafter, is the time for coöperation, the coöperation of all of these fundamentally related groups, to the end that we shall, as organized women, be justified by achievement.

The California Federation is strong in numbers; it has national affiliations and resources; it is catholic in its sympathy for all reforms; it has no hard and fast restrictions; it offers a definite program of education and service; it does not enforce program, nor limit club activity; it is constantly seeking its ethical and social adjustments.

It is not enough in these strenuous days to be lovely and of good repute; one must be good for something of a definite character; to have numerical strength is good, but an organization like ours, must keep its spiritual fingers constantly on the pulse and drive of social forces, if it would vitalize its program of service. This is self-evident in any realization that a large body of women, in this country, definitely devote their leisure, to certain public activities, social, civic or political. In our clubs and in our con-

ventions we take ourselves seriously, and ask for the serious consideration and regard of our public.

It is woman's nature to love and serve; this love and service has grown more inclusive and social. It is established in institutions, embodied in organizations, expressed in laws and statutes, and this is what Ellen Key, the great Swedish writer, calls "motherliness," seeking complete human service.

It cries out to those who are indifferent, and who loiter by the way, "Thou shalt remember that thou too wast a bondwoman in Egypt."

Certain obligations then, rest upon us in this federation; to use this leisure, this "present, which is our only use possession," with a very clear conception of our place, our part, in the modern movements that are concerned with the progress of society and the destiny of the individual.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the executive board, C. F. W. C., was held at California clubhouse November 16, Mrs. J. W. Orr, presiding.

Present—Mesdames Orr, Jones, Knight, Shuman, Lynch, McCoy, Stanwood, Karns, Greene, Tojetti, Swan, Dennison, Misses Briggs and Sheide-man.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Applications for membership have been received from the following clubs: The Lois club, Grass Valley, and the Monticola club, Susanville.

Mrs. Shuman gave a very interesting report of the San Francisco district convention held at Casa del Rey, Santa Cruz, November 6, 7, 8, and stated that 103 delegates and 118 alternates were in attendance.

Mrs. McCoy, president Northern district, reported having attended the opening of the Tuesday club's new clubhouse in Sacramento; also of having made many other visits to clubs in her district. She spoke of the progress of civic work in Sacramento, which

was receiving the attention of men's organizations, as well as women's, and of the fact that through the Chamber of Commerce, arrangements were being made for a "clean up" day.

Mrs. Lynch reported a meeting of the Alameda district board together with chairmen of committees and club presidents November 1, at which general plans for her district meeting to be held February 18, 19, 20, were discussed.

Mrs. Westland, president of the Southern district, reported that the past month has been one of great activity in her locality, that the federation spirit had been awakened, and that the year books of Southern clubs showed that many programs had been assigned to federation topics; also that her district vice-president, Mrs. J. H. Holland of Riverside, had consented to take up the work for the endowment fund.

A communication from Mrs. Goddard stating that no Northern district conference had been held since last board meeting was read, also report of

conference held in Los Angeles, October 22. In the latter, Mrs. Hartwell stated that the subject of prison reform had been introduced and endorsed. She also spoke of activities of various chairmen and of Federation secretary.

Mrs. Karns, chairman civil service reform, reported that a civil service bill was being drafted by the State Civil Service League.

Mrs. Green reported for waterways committee, and was authorized to arrange for a conference in San Francisco about February.

Mrs. Swan, chairman of legislation, reported that conferences had been held in Los Angeles, Sacramento, and San Francisco, all with good results. She spoke of the systematic work of the Southern California Civic League, of an interview with Governor Johnson while in Sacramento, and of valuable advice gained thereby, also of the splendid representation from state organizations considering proposed legislation, which met in California clubhouse November 14.

The following applications for membership were received:

City, Grass Valley; county, Nevada; district, Northern; name of club, Lois; when organized, February, 1912; president, Mrs. William Sampson, Grass Valley; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Alice O'Connor, 116 Bennett Street, Grass Valley; purpose, social and intellectual advancement; date of election, February 1 and September 1; time and place of meeting, bi-weekly (Friday afternoon) at members' homes.

City, Susanville; name of club, Monticola; president, E. Lillian Bingham; corresponding secretary, Mary Pimeo; membership, fifty-three.

Mrs. Jones moved that these clubs be accepted. Motion seconded and carried.

Mrs. Orr reported invitations received from the following state federations: Florida, New Jersey, Texas, Illinois; year books from the New Hampshire Federation and from the following California clubs: Santa Ana

Woman's club, Woman's club of Whittier, Upland Woman's club, Minerva Literary club of Santa Maria, Santa Clara Woman's club, and Wednesday Afternoon club of Alhambra.

Mrs. E. G. Denniston, chairman of the endowment fund committee, reported work in her department progressing.

Miss Edna Rich, chairman home economics department, sent an interesting report of her work in various parts of the state, and spoke of a contemplated trip to the East where she would lecture and exchange ideas relative to her special work. She stated also that she had taken pleasure in answering a number of inquiries from clubs wanting specific information.

The recording secretary acknowledged with appreciation many courtesies which had been extended to her as an officer of the board by Southern clubwomen during a recent visit to Los Angeles.

San Francisco Colony, No. 10, New England Women, with a membership of 100 members, has just joined C. F. W. C.

Officers are:

President, Mrs. George Harvey Fairchild, 400 Duboce avenue.

Secretary, Miss Alice F. Barker, 2814 Pierce street.

Chairman Program committee, Mrs. H. C. Botsford, 122 Edgewood avenue.

Date of Election, second Friday in May. Place of meeting, 1750 Clay street, San Francisco, second Fridays, 2 p. m.

Grapevines have been found to yield, by a special chemical treatment and the usual processes of maceration, a pulp from which an excellent quality of paper can be made.

The experiments leading to the discovery were made at a French school, which is devoted exclusively to the study of papermaking. It is said that paper made from this pulp is very beautiful, has nearly the same strength as parchment and in many respects resembles Japanese paper.

CALL FOR DISTRICT MEETING

The eleventh annual convention of the Southern District, C. F. W. C., will be held at Corona January 15, 16 and 17, 1913.

The meeting will open at 1:30 Wednesday afternoon with an open parliament.

Topics for Discussion.

1. How my club has been benefited by state and district federation.
2. Are county federations desirable?
3. Are present district boundaries satisfactory?
4. Suggestive plans for future work.

The convention will come to order at 2:30.

Representation: Each club shall be entitled to representation by its president or her appointee and one delegate. Clubs having a membership of fifty or more shall be entitled to one additional delegate for every fifty members or fraction thereof exceeding one-half.

Credentials enclosed should be presented in person to the credentials committee Wednesday.

No delegate shall represent more than one club.

Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.

The secretary of each club shall send the names of the delegates and their alternates to the corresponding secretary of the district, Miss Gertrude V. Reid, Cucamonga, at least two weeks before the annual meeting.

All clubwomen are cordially invited to be present and take active part in all the work except that of voting.

Dues and annual dues must be paid before the opening of the convention. Delegates from clubs failing to pay dues will not be seated in convention.

Hospitality: A local board of managers is arranging for the entertainment and comfort of visiting delegates and to do this successfully, it is necessary that the names of delegates be in their hands early. This is **very important**. Do not inconvenience our hostesses by neglecting to report as

early as possible, and at least two weeks before convention. Delegates will be entertained at the homes of the members of the hostess club.

Program: Every effort is being made to prepare an interesting, and helpful program. Each district chairman will report on the work of her respective department, and a brief discussion will follow. Several state chairmen will be present and speak.

A general report of the biennial followed by a conference in which each delegate to the general federation meeting will give her impressions of the assembly, will be an interesting feature.

Reports of club presidents will be limited to three minutes.

Speakers of note will address the meeting on important topics of the day.

One evening is to be devoted to a reception and musicale given by the Corona Woman's Improvement club, in honor of state and district officers.

Important.

See that your full quota of delegates is in attendance, and as many more of your club members as can possibly be present. The convention is **yours**.

We urge all members of the convention to arrive by noon Wednesday, and remain until the session closes Friday afternoon.

Credentials committee will be in session at 1:00 p. m. Wednesday, at the Corona clubhouse.

Notice: The Santa Fe railroad company will grant excursion rates of one and one-third fare, providing fifty tickets are sold. When purchasing ticket do not fail to secure a certificate entitling you to one-third rate on return trip, if signed by district secretary.

For the kind cooperation and courtesy extended to me by the clubs and clubwomen during the last two years. I sincerely thank you.

The future of the Southern district is bright with prospects, the past is



MRS. ELLA S. WESTLAND
President of Southern District, C. F. W. C.

valuable only for the lessons it contains.

Cordially yours,

Ella L. Westland,

Pres. Southern District C. F. W. C.

FOREWORD.

Mrs. E. S. Westland

The Eleventh Annual Convention of the Southern District, C. F. W. C., which might be termed the annual family reunion, is near at hand, and if present indications may be counted a criterion, then it is safe to state that the coming session will be the banner convention of this district, in point of interest, enthusiasm and progress.

Naturally this year, legislation and proposed reform measures, form the center of interest, and considerable time will be given to this department and its work, which is of such vast importance to California women just at this time. Other departments, however, will not be neglected, and the program is rapidly filling with subjects of universal interest, presented by eminent speakers. We need only the largest possible representation to insure success. Is it too much to ask that you do your part in this, and give a record-breaking attendance?

The two years in which you have honored me with the office of President of the Southern district have brought many pleasures, likewise responsibilities. I deeply appreciate the opportunity for service and experience which the position has afforded me, and the delightful memories of pleasant comradeship and enjoyable tasks will be to me "a joy forever."

Retrospection almost invariably brings a certain amount of regret, and as I look back over the two years work which will practically finish with the coming convention, I note many instances wherein improvement might have been made. On the other side, I see much which has been accomplished. Perfect harmony has existed in the executive board, chairmen have labored untiringly in their respective department, and clubs have everywhere accepted recommendations and endeavored to work out suggested plans whenever possible. The federation spirit has been loyally fostered and promoted, and the district is more closely united in aim and effort than ever before. The federation has become a power and is fast being recognized as such. Many opportunities are opening to clubs and club women, and to meet these responsibilities intelligently and successfully, demands careful thought, broad views and unity of purpose. To promote a spirit of justice and kindliness, and to strengthen the bond of fraternity in the district and state organization has been a definite aim during my tenure in office. How far my efforts have brought success the future must reveal. For the universal co-operation and loyal support of the clubwomen in my district I am deeply grateful.

In behalf of the Southern district I extend to the club women of California a cordial invitation to attend our eleventh annual convention at Corona, January 15, 16 and 17.

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DISTRICT AND CLUB ACTIVITIES

ALAMEDA DISTRICT

Alameda district board met with the chairmen of departments and club presidents November 1, to talk over informally the coming convention, which is to be held in Oakland February 18, 19, 20. Mrs. Orr, state president, Mrs. Annie Little Barry and Mrs. Cora Jones, ex-president of Alameda district, were guests at the buffet luncheon which was served later in the small dining room of Ebell clubhouse. We are greatly indebted to Ebell, and to the building committee, for the privilege of holding our large meetings in their clubhouse. This renders possible the following of the meeting with a luncheon. Here there is an informal exchange of ideas, and a chance for closer acquaintance than is otherwise possible.

Alta Mira, San Leandro, has been active in working with the committee on philanthropy. They have helped fill several linen loan closets.

Adelphian club of Alameda is building up a large and important art section. Her president promised the enthusiastic cooperation of the club in our convention plans.

The Oakland club is active along legislative lines—they are especially interested in the "Girls' Training School Bill." At present the girls committed by the Juvenile Court have no place to go, Whittier being quite unsuitable. The hope is to establish a school for girls only, where they can have a vocational training.

The Woman's Improvement club in Pleasanton is taking an active part in civic work, and doing much for the betterment of conditions in the town.

Mrs. Gibson of Richmond Improvement club, reports that they have a popular domestic science section, and that they are studying the modern drama. They devoted their last club day to a study of the constitutional amendments. A fair, to raise funds to buy a lot for their new clubhouse

was most successful. The club is working actively in the interest of a new bond issue for a civic center for the town.

Mrs. Orr spoke at some length on the work of the legislative committee; and of the "Women's Central Committee of Legislation," which is to act as a clearing house for the legislation proposed by the various women's organizations. She spoke of The Club Woman, and said it was an essential to those desiring to keep in touch with the work of the various departments.

Mrs. Barry spoke of the plans of the New Century club of Berkeley. It has bought a lot and will soon build a fine clubhouse.

SAN JOAQUIN DISTRICT

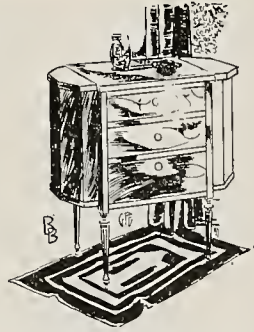
The regular monthly meeting of the executive board of San Joaquin district was held at the Parlor Lecture club of Fresno, the president, Mrs. S. L. Wiley, presiding. Many members were present and encouraging reports were heard. It was stated that six clubs had been admitted to the district federation.

At the first November session of the Parlor Lecture club, the president, Mrs. George H. Taylor, introduced Prof. James A. B. Sherer of Throop Polytechnic Institute of Pasadena, as the speaker. Taking as his subject, "Literary Splendors of the Bible," Professor Sherer spoke of the influence of the Bible as shown in the writings of Ruskin, Browning, Dante, Milton, Bacon, and even Shakespeare, and described the effect of the great book upon English literature, with the parallelism, "What the sun is to vegetation, so is the Bible to English literature."

The Leisure Hour club of Fresno has been enjoying sessions devoted to the reading and discussion of "Everywoman" and "Much Ado About Nothing"; while the West Park Thursday club of Fresno, has been endeavoring

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The Fresno Wednesday club spent the afternoon of November 13 at the home of Mrs. J. A. Christie, reviewing the life of Edgar Allen Poe, and reading some of the most famous selections from his works.

The philanthropic department of the Parlor Lecture club held its annual "open house" Thursday, November 14. A receiving line consisting of officials of the club and headed by Mrs. Taylor, greeted the guests.

After several delightful violin solos by Miss Mary Larson and Emil Kehrlin, and vocal solos by Mrs. Peterson of Reedley, Miss Julia Sayre, chairman of philanthropy, introduced Mr. Sessions, Juvenile Court probation officer. Touching upon many important questions of the day, and giving information in regard to local conditions, the speaker urged women to co-operate in making Fresno a model city in which to live. A county farm instead of jail

for children with criminal tendencies, and industrial schools for them, was also advocated. A reference to the great number of desertions by husbands and fathers led to the suggestion that state farms be instituted where men guilty of this crime may be put to work and their earnings turned over to their families.

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT

The executive board of Los Angeles district met at luncheon at Christopher's November 26, with the president, Mrs. W. C. Mushet, in the chair. Enthusiastic reports were heard.

Since the reciprocity day held at Long Beach under the direction of the chairman of household economics, Mrs. C. C. Adams, other clubs have created similar sections.

Mrs. Mushet appointed Mrs. H. J. Slater, Mrs. W. K. Walker, and Mrs. J. H. Francis members of the program committee for the district convention in March.

District activities were recently extended by a Civic Betterment committee, Mrs. G. W. Herron, chairman. Members of the committee and the lines of effort each will superintend are, Mrs. W. J. Lawless, social order work and flower shows; Mrs. Godfrey Edwards, parks and parkings; Mrs. Christopher M. Gordon, clean-up days and anti-fly campaign; Mrs. Robert J. Burdette, bill boards; Mrs. W. L. Selton, civic study classes and motion films; Mrs. Herron will take charge of the Junior Civic League and vacant lot cultivation; Mrs. J. L. Dickinson is secretary, and Mrs. R. L. Robertson, member-at-large.

It is said no club ever lacks an audience when a discussion of "Domestic Economics" is announced, a statement recently verified when a number of Los Angeles organizations gave programs under this head. Home Economics day, held at Ebell clubhouse, November 18, was of especial interest.

Ebell at the recommendation of its president, Mrs. W. L. Jones, recently formed a social science department, as a means of educating the individual woman to a sense of personal responsibility toward the government. Mrs. Charles N. Flint and Mrs. Sumner P. Hunt were appointed curators.

Laurel Canyon Woman's club organized June 1, and recently admitted to C. F. W. C., has a membership of twenty-four. These are the officers: President, Mrs. Foster M. Price; sec-

retary, Mrs. J. A. Matthews; vice-president, Mrs. Charles F. Norton; treasurer, Mrs. Wallace Kidder. The object of the club is advancement in all lines of general culture.

Sometime ago a committee of six edited a newspaper known as "The Canyon City Clarion." At an open meeting a play was given, and copies of the paper auctioned off, \$125 being raised, which was made the nucleus of a clubhouse fund.

The first open meeting of Glendora Woman's club was held November 19, at its attractive new clubhouse, and was a decided success, a large company of both men and women enjoying the program. Guests from out of town were: Mrs. R. J. Waters, General Federation Secretary, Los Angeles; Mrs. Murray, Eureka, and Miss Annie Bock, press chairman for Southern California, Los Angeles.

Officers of this organization are: President, Mrs. J. A. Jones; first vice-president, Mrs. E. G. Widmann; second vice-president, Miss Clara Cullem; recording secretary, Mrs. Arthur Powell; corresponding secretary, Mrs. R. B. Bidwell; treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Maloney; chairman program committee, Mrs. F. H. Nusbickel. Mrs. T. V. Wamsley was chairman of the building committee.

The extravaganza "America" given for the benefit of Coleman House Association, November 22 and 23 at the Auditorium in Los Angeles, was both an artistic and a financial success. The

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It will be of interest to clubwomen in general to know that the Federation of College Women's clubs, Los Angeles, numbering about 750 members, has made application to become a part of C. F. W. C.

A clubhouse is the hope of the college women and Mrs. W. K. Walker, chairman of the clubhouse committee, is giving much time and thought to the matter, several valuable downtown sites being under consideration.

The Association of Collegiate Alumnae, composed of one hundred members, and an important part of the Federation of College Women's clubs, is actively endorsing the movement in favor of public bathhouses. A vocational bureau is also being considered by this organization.

A talk on "Natoma," Victor Herbert's American Indian opera, before the Shakespeare club of Pasadena, the playing of the Haydn String Quartet at a meeting of the Matinee Musical club of Los Angeles, the producing of Mascagni's one-act opera, "Zanetto," before the Friday Morning club of Los Angeles, the unique improvising of Julian Pascal, for Los Angeles Ebells, and Harley Hamilton's instructive lecture before the Hollywood Woman's club, —all of which occurred during November, indicate the important place that the new state department of music is taking in the programs of federated clubs.

The Saturday Afternoon club of Banning, under the guidance of its able president, Mrs. W. M. Fewel, and her chairmen of committees, is doing much good work. Cooking contests,

flower shows, study of Panama, and the working for a public library, show the variety and value of its activities.

The entertainment given the evening of November 19, under the auspices of the Upland Woman's club, was a success, and a considerable sum was cleared which is to be applied on the lot recently purchased.

This club is a factor in the affairs of Upland. Mrs. Westland, reviewing before the club recently some of the results of its civic activities, affirmed that no schools in the state are better cared for; that the city is free from bill boards and smoke nuisance, has no garbage problem, and its school gardens are models. The club is agitating for a day nursery, extermination of the fly, and protection of food in stores.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

The clubs of the Southern district have enjoyed many interesting meetings and accomplished much this year. At present there is much activity in preparing for the annual convention.

Large and enthusiastic audiences have been attracted by the literary and musical program at the Wednesday club of Riverside.

Mrs. J. R. White had charge of the subject of the morning,—"Science Today"—and read an interesting paper on "Eugenics." Mrs. Penelope Sanders followed with a paper on "Scientific Study of the Foolish," and Mrs. H. E. Bickel discussed "Hydrotherapy," emphasizing the benefit derived from the use of this treatment in cases of insanity.

Mrs. G. E. Henry reviewed the life and compositions of Mozart and Miss



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This club was actively interested in the recent thorough clean-up of El Centro, and also urged upon the council the necessity of covering foods in the stores.

At a recent session Mrs. Frank J. Cole opened a discussion on "Child Life." Mrs. Walter Packard took up the question of foods, Mrs. Violette Campbell, discipline, and Mrs. W. W. Apple, amusements. Mrs. Apple spoke of the value to a child of being allowed to follow others about their daily tasks, copying the routine in a simple way.

San Geronio club of Beaumont has

fifty-eight members, who are planning that this year shall be the most successful in its history. Programs cover educational and social topics, the study of art and improvement of the home.

Reciprocity and President's day was observed October 29. Mrs. F. C. Martin, president of the club, was hostess, assisted by the members of the executive board. Mrs. Ella L. Westland, president of the Southern district, who was guest of honor, presented a strong plea for "Federation." Mrs. Miguel Estudillo, president of Wednesday Morning club of Riverside; Mrs. Cable, president of the Upland club; Mrs. Farwell, president of Saturday Afternoon club of Banning; Mrs. R. J. Farquhar and Mrs. Bean from Crafton, and Mrs. H. E. De Nyse, state treasurer, brought greetings from their respective clubs.

The women of the Woman's club of Rialto, listened November 6 to papers on "Illustrated Arts," and enjoyed an

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SAN FRANCISCO ANNUAL MEETING

Word comes to The Club Woman of a most successful and profitable convention held at Santa Cruz in November by San Francisco district, and of re-election of the officers who served this district last year.

In place of the usual routine report of the meeting, space will be given this month to papers or excerpts from papers read at Santa Cruz, which are of general interest.

These officers were elected:

President, Mrs. Percy L. Shuman, 144 Sycamore avenue, San Mateo.

Vice-President, Mrs. Percy S. King, Napa.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Nathan Frank, 1827 Vallejo street, San Francisco.

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In her report of district activities during the five months since the present board assumed office, Mrs. Shuman said in part:

As new officials, we had to adjust ourselves to existing club conditions, at the same time having in mind the work before us, calling for harmonious action toward the development of a progressive program embracing the various subjects transmitted by our predecessors, and new thoughts for the betterment of the cause nearest our hearts.

One of the greatest incentives to efficient club work is the tribute we receive from the newspaper press in the dissemination of reports of our meetings. Without this recognition of the press generally we would be, as it were, proceeding in the dark—our light would be hid under a bushel. To the press we are therefore deeply indebted for much of the progress we

are making toward a commanding position in the world's work, and among the world's workers.

I favor these county district councils, the idea of which was promulgated at our first district executive board meeting June 24, 1912.

Councils are as old as history. It is bringing their object into use that establishes their purpose. Our purpose is to bring the members into stimulating contact with the minds and souls of others, to create an open forum of expression, and to establish a club camaraderie.

The plan is for the clubs of a county to come together with some one club of the county acting as hostess. All presidents of the county clubs should meet if possible, or get into communication with each other, and decide which shall be the hostess club.

Now the practical side must come in for development of the county district councils. Let us not stifle the good of these councils by burdening the hostess club with too much expense. In fact, if the hostess club secures the place of meeting and arranges the program, that should be sufficient. Try calling the council for 11 a. m., and have some leading subjects decided upon in advance. If possible, have one or two district chairmen, the state president, and district president address you. Have the council followed by a round-table luncheon on the principle of a "Dutch Treat," everyone paying for her own luncheon. This round-table luncheon can be at a hotel, it can be a picnic under the trees, each member bringing her own luncheon, or box luncheon in the clubhouse.

The round-table talk should be as varied and clever as can be devised—a truly open forum.

By this means genuine social intercourse is established. By this means harmony is achieved. This is the key note of our endeavor—District Inspiration.

CHILD AND YOUTH CONSERVATION

Paper read before Santa Cruz Convention by
MRS DANIEL LOTHROP.

Before a serious conference such as this, of clubs for women, each working along lines of earnest, practical effort for the betterment of humanity, and the solution of many problems confronting that proposed betterment, it ill behooves a woman to expend valuable moments in superfluous words.

I have said elsewhere what I wish to repeat briefly here, that you women of California seem in the very front of the march for progress, and that you have evinced in many ways your singleness of aim and high purpose toward all that makes for the highest development of humanity. Your practical, earnest attitude toward the solution of the problems that confront us today delights me and provokes an enthusiastic appreciation of you and your work that I shall carry home to my eastern clubs.

Now to my subject. Here we are at the very gateway of the conservation field. Many of you have been doubtless as long as have I, a member of this great organization, and are familiar with its workings. You have followed with as deep a concern, each plan and project to broaden and strengthen the work. It has occurred to you without doubt, as you have studied the movement, just as it has forced itself upon my honest belief, that beyond saving the vast waterways, the forests, the acreage of what should be national reservations—our mines, our railroad arteries, all of our national riches for national use—beyond and above them all—raised high in a glory that is immortal, is the child, made in the image of God, and given to earthly parents to be saved and kept in that image.

This is the high ideal of the conservation organization. The material one is—the child is the best asset of our country. He is to be the working force of our great Republic.

Now then—here come in three

points I wish to consider. And they are all grouped under this one heading: "Is the average woman's club a friend or an enemy to the child? It can be either; it must be one or the other. I want to speak of three sections in life in which a woman's club can help to conserve the interests of the child and the youth of its community—in the home, the school, and in the recreations that appeal to young people.

In the first place we women should love our home duties; really regard them with love as privilege. . . . The world calls us women, no matter how restricted our lives, to give some moments each day to get into touch with world movements; and to breathe the air of a boundless horizon.

This only strengthens a woman in the view that her home is the pivotal point of her life. When she arrives at that she easily discovers that her child is the choicest product of all the gifts that God bestows.

And she arrives all the sooner to believe that she should not allow her home to become her winding sheet, whereby she is dead to the outside world and all its claims upon her, as if she were indeed mummified. Because she knows that in this present day when all quarters of the world are open to her inspection, holding up their various problems, that it is impossible, even if we women desired it, to keep utterly secluded from the world, and wholly ignorant of the procession of events. The danger is that knowing so much that the endless chain of newspapers and magazines bring to our eyes and ears, we shall be caught in the swirl and wrenched away from our pivot of the system of our duties, to waste our forces on the outer circle of things. But there is just where the child and youth are going to save us, bringing us back to a sane recognition of the true proportion of values. We

must take to ourselves outside interests, and work for them; but let such work radiate out like the spokes of a wheel. The true center—the home—holds us loyally because we love our duty there and call it privilege. Here is where the club steps in as a friend to the child and to the youth. It broadens an otherwise dull conception of treadmill duty, into a beautiful, free life. It makes us, by meeting other women all working at the same problems, take stock of ourselves, just as merchants take an inventory of their goods. We have to overhaul our capabilities; we must see where we can spare misapplied energy, and find out what are our specific duties in life. In all our diligence in household duties, we must adopt some fresh interest now and then that takes us far afield in our minds from the necessities of the home. We must grow; not stagnate. Children are keen to recognize the vital things of life; the member of the family alert in all her mental processes is a delight and inspiration to the child. Epictetus says: "What constitutes a child? Want of instruction; for they are our equals, as far as their degree of knowledge permits."

They certainly range far ahead of us, often in critical ability. Who so keen as these little critics in our homes! We must bring all the good we gain in our club life, home to work upon the child; not in direct talk, of course, nor perfunctory effort, but because we have first absorbed it.

School—the second point to consider. The home is a little world by itself—the school, another. Don't let the two worlds be disconnected. As soon as your home door shuts on the boy or girl off in the morning swinging the school-bag, what an awful thought that the child sees no connection between those two worlds in which his life is passed. You have handed him over to the teacher, and forgotten to leave any bridge over the chasm between. Get into touch, human, warm, womanly touch with that teacher, so that your child knows that

there is a community of interest in which the two women he loves best are working for him. Let the child see his mother enter the school room or stop to speak friendly words to the teacher, not necessarily about her own child, but because she has an interest in all children. Let the bunch of flowers be dropped at the teacher's desk some morning, not this time by Bobby or Jane, but by Bobby's or Jane's mother, with a pleasant word and a smile. Something human has then passed between two women who are both after the same thing—the welfare of the child. And it is perfectly apparent by changed relations that the child, soon finds it out. This is the vital outcome—the bridge over the void between home and school-life is then made eloquent by the echoes of the mother's footsteps; and the two arenas for the child's little life are throbbing with warm, personal concerted endeavors for his best welfare.

Now—how about recreations being the third point in my little talk? I think they better be, for the recreations of a child are mighty important factors in getting him ready for the period of youth and after life. They occupy in reality the largest field over which his absorbed vision dwells. And they bound his horizon. Get hold of his recreations and enthuse over them with him till he begins to see his mother—the clubwoman, isn't so bound up in its meetings and the work of its committees, that she cannot enter with interest into the baseball match, although its intricacies may be beyond her. Study the interest that your boy has and the special delight of your daughter; and be young again with them. They will neither of them begrudge you your club duties, nor look with scorn upon it or them. They will never think of saying, as one young girl did: "Mother is at one of her everlasting clubs. She doesn't care what we do, or where we go, if we only keep out of the way."

What is the future of a clubwoman

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RELATION OF HOME ECONOMICS TO SOCIETY

MISS MARY B. VAIL,

Chairman Home Economics San Francisco District

"Home Economics," the new college subject for women has established itself because of a need for it, because of a demand for it. It correlates with the subjects that bear on or lead to better living, that is, history, biology, hygiene, and sanitation, as well as applies the sciences of physics, chemistry, and bacteriology. After studying all these subjects, the college girl will be so saturated with Home Economics that she will unconsciously give it out. She enjoys the theory side of it so much that she prefers to teach the high school girl who can reason as well as work rather than the grade child who is only interested in the doing. She rarely sees, perhaps for lack of maturity, the broader field, the greater opportunity that she would have in teaching the younger children who would almost absorb the reason with the process, who would form good habits and have little to unlearn. It is acknowledged, I believe, that the strength of a teacher lies largely in that which she imparts, which is quite independent of the text, and that her influence is strongest with the little children. How necessary it is then that she be trained in right living whether she specializes in home economics or not. From her the children will learn the right and wrong of foods and care of the body as well as how to behave and a hundred minor things. Is there any good reason that the subjects most vital to the health and happiness of the nation—the right and wrong of living and eating—should be left to the whim of people? Should it not be taught, and taught early and often?

Let us not trust Dame Nature to be our friend and protector against all sorts of indiscretions. She does help us to accommodate in a wonderful way, but eventually she punishes the breaking of her laws. "I like it and that settles it," cannot be said to her

too often, for she will answer, "You should have known better! Now learn by compulsion and, more than that, do not forget what you have learned!"

Dame Nature would give us not only the birthright of a good body but the care and training that will keep that body strong and well. That training cannot begin too early. In some of the younger states every grade teacher has to take an examination along food and health lines and to be prepared to teach it in a simple way in every school. That requirement will be made in every state before many years, meanwhile we must train students to be ready to teach the new, yet ever old, subject, to be ready to help the children to be efficient members of society. Can anyone be efficient if sick or poorly nourished? Can anyone be happy if not well?

If our girls are carefully trained in home economics, they will give out the principles of right living to the little folks, impress them upon the larger ones and teach the reasons for their principles to the older students. The ideas will be lived and proven or disproven, for frequently we have to reckon with personal idiosyncrasies, but the general principle will hold true even through apparent contradictions. The gospel of right living must more and more be preached and practiced for we are no longer the children of nature, living and working out of doors from sun up to sun down; we are subject to unusual conditions and must conserve our health and strength to meet the demands of modern civilization.

The normal schools of California, especially the Santa Barbara Normal, are training girls along home economics lines; the University promises graduate work next year and a number of private schools, and notably Mills College, are offering opportuni-

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PRESIDENT'S GREETING

Since writing my last letter I have visited the Wisconsin Federation at Janesville. It was a keen disappointment that the president, Mrs. Crosby, was prevented by illness from attending. However, I noted with pleasure the affection and admiration that were shown for her on all sides. While my visit was limited to one morning and afternoon session, yet I was deeply impressed by the dignity and ability of the Wisconsin women. I have never seen less time lost nor more perfect order in any assembly. The opening prayer and addresses of welcome, all given by women, were models. I had to contrast these with those I had heard in years gone by at various state conventions. With the election of Mrs. Strathearn as president and Miss Lutie Stearns as state agent for the endowment fund, we can feel that Federation affairs in Wisconsin are safe.

Miss Kate O'Connor, the new chairman of the transportation committee, did her first work in that line, enab-

ling your president to cross the city of Chicago in fifteen minutes, and holding the Panama Limited three minutes. This may appear a small matter, but it shows what a woman can do, and also what recognition is gradually being given to the importance of our work. By making this connection I was enabled to arrive in Houston, Texas, in time for the formal opening of the great Rice Institute, whose dedication marks an era in education in the Southwest. This institution is fortunate enough to have an endowment of twelve million dollars, and to mark its opening illustrious scientists from the whole world had been summoned. While Sir William Ramsay, Sir Arthur Jones, and the great Spanish Superintendent of Education made profound impressions, yet no one meant more to the great audience, no one reached a higher climax of mental and spiritual inspiration than did Henry Van Dyke, the poet-laureate of the occasion, the eloquent Bishop Gaylord, and Dr.

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Reaching Ohio on the second day of the convention I found Mrs. Sneath awaiting me at the station in the charming town of Athens. We were soon at the beautiful luncheon given by the press women of Ohio, who have been for years meeting at the time of the state federation. Miss Louise Graham, known to so many of you, made an excellent toast-mistress, and drew out a most animated discussion on various live club and press topics. At the afternoon meeting I was delighted with the gracious charms of Mrs. Ruckins, as presiding officer, with the tremendous earnestness of the delegate body, with the type of women represented, with the logic and readiness of their addresses, and by the loyal support of the ex-presidents. The educational session occupied the whole of the afternoon.

You will be pleased to note that the Ohio Federation responded most generously to the endowment fund. In a few moments \$1000 was pledged and the convention promised to have its endowment assessment ready by Easter Sunday. The Ohio women readily approved the plan of naming the endowment for our beloved Mrs. Decker. I had the privilege of conferring with some of our Ohio committee members,—Mrs. Zimmerman, Miss Laws, Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Hopley, while Mrs. Sneath, your most valuable second vice-president, was a wise counsellor on many points of Federation policy.

On Friday, after adjournment, I went to Springfield to spend Saturday and Sunday with Captain and Mrs. Buchwalter. Every president of the General Federation has been a guest in

this hospitable and beautifully ordered home, and nothing that could be done to add to my comfort was omitted. Naturally we talked much of Mrs. Decker, and I came away feeling not only rested, but inspired with the determination to try to render such service as would meet with the approval of the dear one who has gone from us.

On Monday I had a delightful day in Cincinnati, where I addressed the members of the great Woman's club in their beautiful clubhouse. It was my privilege to tell them some of the many tributes I have heard paid to their hospitality during the Cincinnati biennial. They certainly represent a group of distinguished women, and Miss McVey, the president, who is also Dean of Women in the University of Cincinnati, has before her a great opportunity, of which she will make good use. Mrs. Lawrence Maxwell, chairman of our music committee, told me of delightful plans she is forming for the Chicago biennial. After the business meeting I had the pleasure of lunching with the ex-presidents and officers of the club.

Next came a stenographer, for I find that the only way to keep my conscience at rest is, even in the midst of busiest days, to try to keep even with the mail. Mrs. Charles Stephens, who made so many friends during the San Francisco biennial, took me for a drive through the environs of Cincinnati, and she and Mrs. Street kindly showed me the beauties of the Rockwood Pottery, and also the school buildings that mark such educational progress in their duty.

Leaving that night, I reached Atlanta Tuesday evening, where I found a most enthusiastic and encouraging

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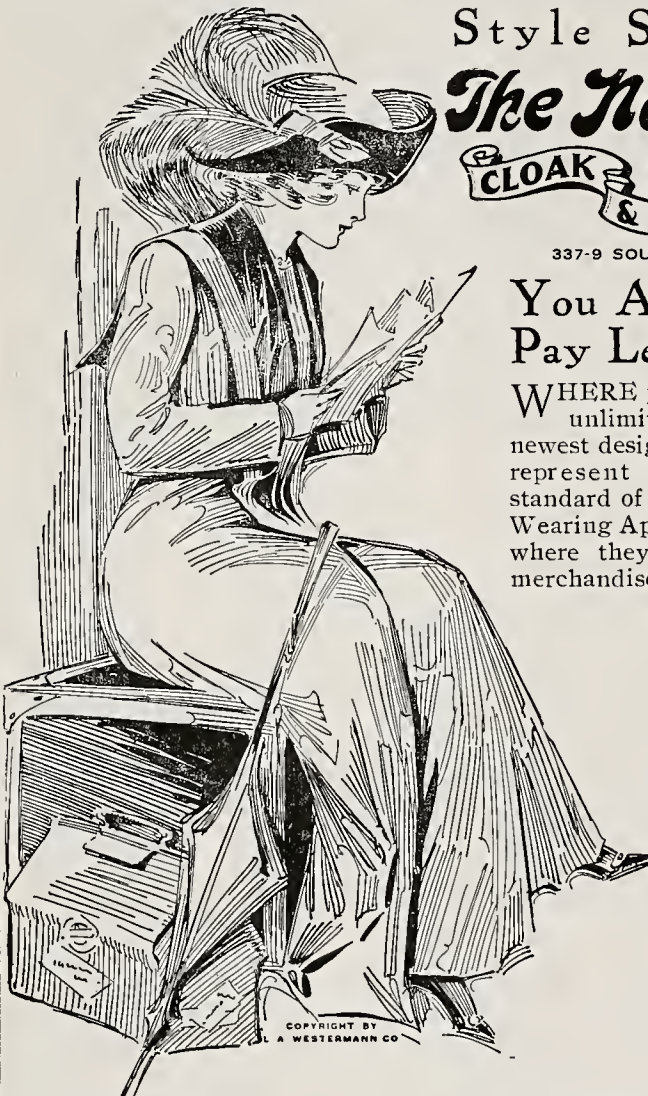
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attendance at the Georgia Federation. Mrs. H. C. White, the genial and accomplished president, has the privilege of numbering in her ranks more young women than I have yet found in any federation. I regard this as a most favorable sign. In all these state federations I have been impressed by the fact that the presidents were always on time, that the meetings were begun on the minute, and that the relation between the chair and the house was most pleasant. Her women would attract attention for their grace and distinction in any land. The Atlanta Women's club entertained the entire body at luncheon one day, while on the second day 650 women were seated as the guests of the City Federation. One especial feature of this last luncheon was the attendance of two hundred young women, alumnae of various Georgia colleges. Through the untiring energy of the General Federation Secretary, Mrs. Bolling Jones, Georgia was well represented at the San Francisco biennial, and the Federation spirit is today strong in the state. Over \$500 was pledged to the endowment, and the president believes that ever penny of Georgia's apportionment will be paid before the next biennial. Mrs. Tift, the Georgia member of the endowment committee, most generously gave \$100 to the fund. On the adjournment of the meeting, after saying goodbye to an ideal hostess, Mrs. Bolling Jones, I came to Athens, where I am the guest of one of the most beloved women of the entire state, Mrs. M. A. Lipscomb. Like Ohio, Georgia has an array of ex-presidents who are most loyal to the pres-

ent administration and who are most honored by the state federation. Tomorrow I go to the home of the president, Mrs. White, where we shall discuss all state and national federation affairs.

I am glad to say in closing that every visit makes me more hopeful, and more thankful that God has given to the Federation such women as those I have met in every state I have visited.

Sincerely yours,
Anna J. H. Pennybacker,
Austin, Texas.

It seems very certain that the world is to grow richer and better in the future, however it has been in the past, not by the magnificent achievements of the highly gifted few, but by the patient faithfulness of the one-talented.—Phillips Brooks.

Be not careless in deeds, nor confused in words, nor rambling in thought.—Marcus Aurelius.

CONSERVATION OF THE CHILD

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who makes her organization work along with the needs of her home—at every difficult problem feeling a stimulus to help her reinforce her own values, and thus be a strong lever in that home circle! She sees her children pass to youth and onward—herself ever by their side, young in spirit. In seeking to conserve their best interests, she has conserved her own—and become that fine creature—the American woman of the best type.

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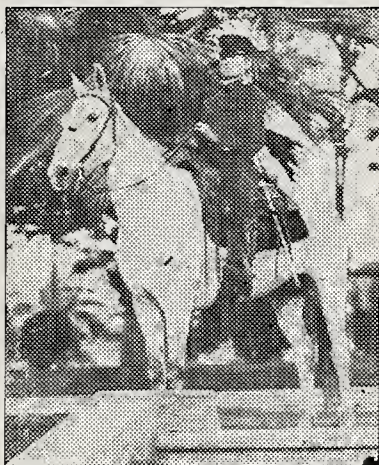
The state president of the federated clubs appoints the state chairman of philanthropy to receive reports from the district chairmen and to suggest one line of work applicable to the whole state. In pursuance of this plan, the district chairmen were notified that local conditions must determine their work, their reports would furnish the history of all the philanthropic endeavors of the clubs for the current year, and that the state chairman suggested the supervision of at least one free maternity bed for needy wives, in each district. This line of work is surely applicable to the whole state, for the babies continue to arrive in every district and while the caring for unfortunate girls has been attended to in many places, the caring for respectable mothers, whose only crime is their poverty, has been overlooked. These mothers are entitled to a physician's care and good nursing, in a clean, comfortable, home-like place, that their babies, in later years, will not be ashamed to claim as their birthplace.

The work of the whole world in the future depends upon the babies who

are born **now**—not upon a few of them, but upon all of them.

Statistics show an alarming death rate and an appalling list of preventable diseases among infants, mainly due to improper care at birth. That there are hundreds of invalid mothers who endure life long agony, and are unfitted to do their share of the world's work, is attributed to this same neglect. Statistics also show that twenty-five per cent of the total blindness is caused by lack of care and ignorance at this time. The homes of these mothers, the one room shack, the unsanitary lodging house, the cottage already crowded with other children, the lonely ranch house, the miner's cabin or the bunk house at the oil fields, afford few necessities and none of the comforts or luxuries which are the right of every woman at this most critical period of her life.

In every district, there are one or more county hospitals under political management. Even if these places be ideal for all known disease, are they ideal too, for maternity cases where the least exposure to infection is usually



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fatal? Does the establishment and maintenance of a Maternity Cottage in each district seem an impossible thing for clubwomen to undertake? It is not an experiment, for Los Angeles and Long Beach have each such a home, and the great number of needy wives who have been cared for in these homes bear witness to their worth. The State chairman will gladly give any information concerning these two philanthropies. This is public work, and will be considered such if brought to the attention of the voters, and public funds will be given for the support of it, as is the case in Los Angeles and Long Beach. With these two exceptions, so far as known, there is no place in our whole great state, where a deserted wife, a wife whose husband has lost his position, one whose husband has been killed or is in a hospital, may receive attention from women who really care for their less fortunate sisters. In every club, there are numbers of sympathetic women who would gladly do just this kind of practical work. The country clubs, which may think they have no such work to do in their own vicinity, would be showing a fine example of federation and reciprocity if they would contribute supplies, clothing and funds to the clubs which are actively interested. It would be well to have a committee appointed in each club, to report on conditions, perfect or otherwise, in its locality. The district nurse is improving every community in which she is employed, but

she cannot make an unsanitary home a fit place for a woman to become a mother. The latest word from up-to-date physicians is that the hospital is the proper place for the coming of the new baby. If this be true, for the baby who comes to the beautiful home, surrounded with every luxury, how about this other baby who has no home, but will have just as great an influence for good or evil on coming generations?

But whatever is done by the department of philanthropy, the state chairman earnestly requests the clubs not to help to pauperize people. This is a crime. Allow every one to keep her self respect. Allow every one to pay something, however little, for the assistance given. Even the poorest can pay **something**, for money is not our only means of discharging an obligation in this wonderful world. Work for others and interest in others often does more good than money. True philanthropy does not mean giving away things, especially those things which are of no possible use to the giver; it means working together, with loving hearts, to make this the kind of a world that clubwomen want it to be.

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 Things are coming to a pretty note.
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Members and their friends heard the opera, "Pinafore," November 21, presented by the Choral Society of San Bernardino.

A delightful Hallowe'en affair, to which both men and women were invited, was given by the Colton Women's club, in honor of the school teachers. After an interesting program of mimicry and humorous storytelling by Prof. Geoffrey Morgan of Riverside, Mrs. O. Shepard Barnum, General Federation Chairman of Education, addressed the audience on "The Educational Work of Women's Clubs Throughout the Country."

The members of the San Diego Mothers' club came together, November 7, to listen to a paper by the district chairman of civil service reform,

Mrs. G. L. Praul, on "Why Do We Wear Clothes?" As a result a resolution was passed favoring uniformity of dress for school children.

At the meeting, November 21 a petition was signed, asking for the appointment of a truant officer, that officer to be a woman. The program for the day was the reading of a clever, original Thanksgiving story by the secretary, Mrs. Elsie Bream.

Ebell of Santa Ana, Mrs. J. W. Bishop, president, has a membership of 365, a worker for every day of the year.

There are classes studying music, literature, travel, parliamentary law, nature study and household economics. The philanthropic work of the organization is devoted to the Ebell Day Nursery, which last year, among other activities, cared for 100 children.

The Olivewood club of National City, held two interesting meetings the past month, at one of which social problems were discussed, and at the

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other the life and writings of Joaquin Miller were reviewed.

If present plans are perfected, the Santa Ana Woman's club will be responsible for the organization of the Orange County Federation of Women's clubs.

HOME ECONOMICS

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ties for excellent work. At present California will accept these home economics trained teachers in high schools without experience, but it will not be long before the new subject will be put upon the same basis as all other subjects and at least a year of experience will be required for high school teaching. When some phase of home economics work is taught in every grade and every high school throughout the country, required of every normal student and offered to every college woman, we will be training boys

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I will first give an outline of the work done by the clubs working along my line for the past year. The New Century club of Napa held its annual "Pioneers' Day" on February 22, marked a Lincoln memorial tree, one planted on the day of Lincoln's assassination, and are going to mark an old adobe building of the Spanish period—1841. They are also planning to commemorate the erection of the Robert Louis Stevenson monument on Mt. St. Helena, by an annual trip to the site, accompanied by appropriate exercises. This is the banner club of the district at present, for my line of work.

The Corte Madera club has made a study of the California Missions, a good part of their year's work.

Monterey Civic club, sends word that they have cleared the Serra lot, and hope to erect a clubhouse thereon; they have also had an essay each month on the History of California, prepared by one of their number. Certainly this is very good work, and I feel that this club is giving a good share of its time to History and Landmarks work.

The Humboldt County Association of Clubs, reports that it has voted to spend two hundred dollars, to replace the old Spanish cross, on Trinidad Head. This plan of several clubs working in coöperation, has been

adopted by three of the San Mateo clubs, the Thursday club, San Mateo Woman's club, and the Burlingame settled upon any special work.

I would like to urge the idea of cooperation, upon other clubs. If a work be found, which is too large for our club to undertake alone, try to make it a county or even a district movement.

For new clubs doing work I must report a letter from the Dorian club, stating that on December 6, each member is to bring in an article on a landmark of San Francisco. I have an invitation from the Petaluma Woman's club, to address them in person, on November 12, so I feel that my efforts in writing letters have not been in vain.

Now, for the benefit of clubs who may contemplate doing something in History and Landmark work, I shall give a few ideas, which may prove helpful. The Pioneers' Day is delightful; Pioneers or their sons or daughters, are invited to come to the club, as its guests, and they may often be urged to give most interesting addresses, other appropriate programs may be arranged, and refreshments served. An admission may be charged to outsiders. A loan exhibit of historic relics may be given in connection with this, or worked up on a much larger scale, given entirely separately,

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definite outlines to any club writing for assistance.

To the clubs living in sections where there are still some of our Indians extant, I should like to urge the advisability of securing as many specimens of basketry as possible, as this work is becoming a lost art, and we cannot value too highly these evidences of their handicraft. In a few generations the value of California's Indian

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All of the big companies maintain literary departments, the business of which is to pass upon "scenarios" and work up ideas submitted. Persons of recognized literary ability are at the heads of most of these departments, and this fact, it is generally agreed, is tending more to raise the standard of the moving picture than all the legislation and censorship that the public reformers are bringing about. As to the writing of "picture plays," one of the large firms has issued a booklet, which contains the following:

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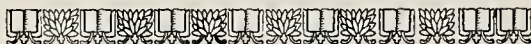
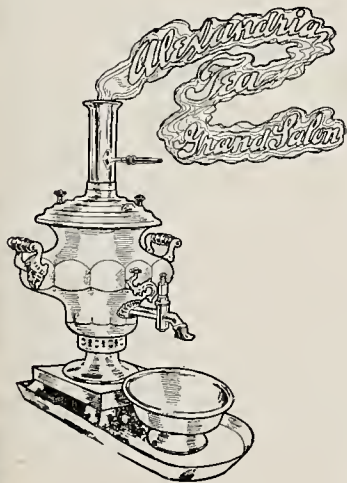


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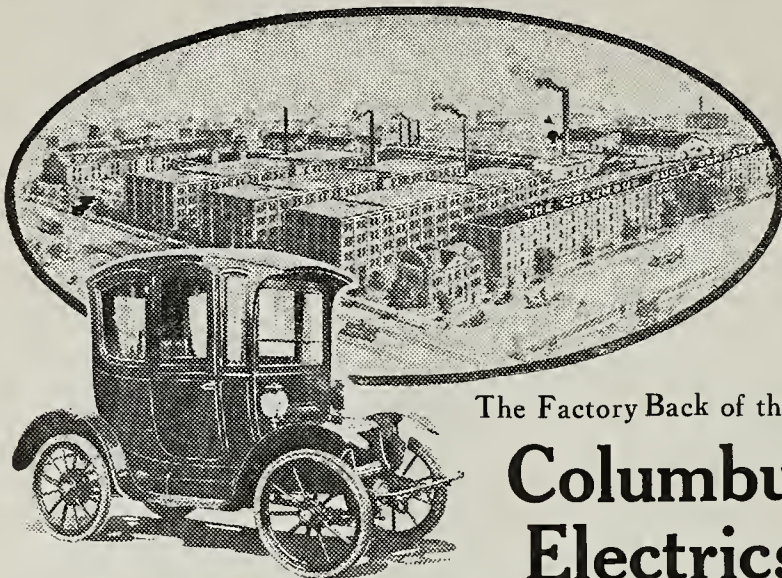
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EDITORIAL

Announcement that the Chicago Grand Opera Company of 300, including Mary Garden, Dalmores, and other stars of more than national note, will tour California in March, marks high tide for musical enterprise up to the present on the Pacific Coast, and is an undertaking so stupendous from managerial and financial standpoints that its import can hardly be over-estimated. For years have professional musicians and music lovers "boosted" in season and out of season the artistic atmosphere of San Francisco and Los Angeles: now the people of the Golden State have an opportunity to prove this claim, and to welcome these singers so splendidly that their coming shall be only the forerunner of other big things. A large portion of this responsibility rests with the clubwomen of the state, the new music department furnishing a medium by which interest and enthusiasm may be aroused from the Oregon line to Lower California. The event is of sufficient importance to warrant excursion trains from accessible points to San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco, and such matters must be arranged for in advance. All responsibility of the preliminary work should not be left to Impresario Behymer and his associates, for the reputation of California as an art center is to be put to the test, and large dividends all down the years are assured if we invest time and energy

during the next few weeks. The music clubs and music sections, C. F. W. C., should be well to the fore in this cause.

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Soon—all too soon—will that arch enemy, the common house-fly, be abroad again in the land to molest and to make us afraid. Clubs and conventions shall resolute, and editor and funny-paragapher shall write, but the reign of the fly will be uninterrupted except in those towns and cities where clean-up day has been followed by rigorously enforced ordinances and active interest of the individual.

The best of regulations, lacking personal interest and never failing diligence, are about as effective as writing on the sand. Los Angeles, for instance, has an ordinance requiring that fruit be kept off the sidewalks, that it be covered from flies, etc., but nevertheless all summer the little pests swarm from street and sidewalk to uncovered fruit and berries and vegetables displayed in open shops where electric fans prove utterly ineffective, going later to breed by the million on sun-warmed awnings and in adjacent alleys.

The season for "swatting the fly" in California is now, in the early warm days of January, when there are few of them about. Ten days is required for the eggs to develop into really truly flies, and soon there are millions, and

typhoid and other filth diseases are in possession. Several good fly-traps or exterminators are on the market, and with any of these placed so that the flies will trap themselves at their feeding and breeding places, the battle is won.

For the second time in the history of Colorado the body of a woman, Mrs. Julia Welles, lay in state in the rotunda of the Capitol December 10. The guard of honor was composed of prominent women. Mrs. Welles, as president of the commission, was largely responsible for the passage of the state traveling library commission law.

Kegoayah Kozgu club of Nome, Alaska, with only a membership of twenty-eight, has contributed \$50 to the Endowment Fund in memory of a beloved member, Mrs. L. M. Scroggs. Concerning the year book of this club, Mrs. Pennybacker has said, "No year book reaching the president's office shows more thought, more careful arrangement, than this prospectus of these brave women who are doing their share in making the future of Alaska."

Texas, whose delegates came to the biennial with its pro rata for the Endowment Fund paid, has since given \$150 more, and at the annual state convention recently voted to start upon a State Endowment Fund.

State Forester E. M. Griffith of Wisconsin, in a suggestion that might well be tried by other states in the Union, urges the use of state forest reserves

for the employment and treatment of convalescent consumptives and "run down" city folks. There are excellent camp sites upon nearly all of the 1200 lakes that sparkle in the sun of Northern Wisconsin, and clean, sweet air, laden with the health-giving perfume of the balsam and the pine. Light manual work in the out-of-doors is to be done in cultivating the forests.

A special committee has been appointed by the Wisconsin Anti-tuberculosis Association to study the possibilities of the plan, and to make recommendations for carrying it into effect. The experiment will be watched with keenest interest everywhere.

"If there be any problem in the world which is in urgent need of the application of a little twentieth century intelligence and point of view to it, it is the one of keeping house," writes Dr. Woods Hutchinson, in "We and Our Children." "In point of planning, of organization, of labor-saving devices, yes, even of sanitation, it is fifty years behind any other of the great productive industries of the day. The best we can do to remedy the situation is to let the women engaged in it get out of it long enough and far enough so that they can get a good view of it from the outside, instead of leaving them swimming round and round and round in it, like goldfish in a bowl, 365 days in a year all their lives long. That sort of isolated, perpetual drowning in petty details would dull the most brilliant intellect and kill the initiative in anybody.

The New Year

What brings the New Year?

To one a smile, to one a tear;

Yet so long as life's not single,

Of mixed mode where both commingle,

Let us then with equal cheer,

Accept the smile or pearly tear:

For each is of our life a part,

And both make up the World's great heart.

—Bertha Hirsch Baruch.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The Christmas number of The Club Woman gave much space to reports of the San Francisco district convention, as well as to the foreword from the southern district regarding its convention in January.

It is to call special attention to this that it is made the subject of the opening paragraph. If all clubs and all club women subscribed to the official organ we should find as a result a general acquaintance with the personnel and the accomplishments of each federation di-

vision. Only the printed word can induce and foster this close sympathy and appreciation of our fellow workers. The real ability of these leaders in the widely separated sections of California scarcely receive adequate recognition, owing to the exacting requirements of local duties and the intensified daily life. But The Club Woman is not subject to these restrictions; it can visit any club and any home in the state, bringing reports of all federation activities, which should inspire and stimu-

late those who read with appreciation.

The legislative conference held in San Francisco in the early part of December and presided over by the chairman, Mrs. George E. Swan, was largely attended. It was evident to an interested observer that the associated women of this state are desperately in earnest to accomplish many needed reforms, and only the difficulties that may be encountered in Sacramento will eliminate one, or several from the list of measures which now seem vital to moral health. The publicity given to the plan of the co-operation of associated bodies of California women interested in legislation, compels wisdom of procedure, and a definite policy of promotion, lest too much be attempted, or the wily legislator find us unprepared.

The cost of arriving at a consensus of opinion of the women citizens, and the next step of getting bills properly and expertly prepared, with the final work in committees, is great indeed; both the cost in personal effort, time and physical strength and the financial cost of travel, printing and personal attendance in Sacramento—all of which falls very heavily upon the chairman, Mrs. Swan, and the treasury of C. F. W. C. Hence it seems justifiable to appeal to clubs interested in the success of this year's legislative program—which is the legitimate outcome of full citizenship—to contribute something from their treasury to the work of the legislative committee, which must not fail for lack of either moral or financial support.

Fresno club women report the completion of Hotel Fresno, which is now in process of being furnished. They assure us fine accommodations for the next annual state convention. An executive board meeting will be held in Fresno January 13 when a local committee of arrangements will be elected from the clubwomen of San Joaquin district. Mrs. S. L. Wiley, the efficient president, promises that every detail of comfort and pleasure will be provided

and they hope for and expect a large attendance of clubwomen at the spring convention.

Following the Fresno meeting my next visit will be at Corona, as the guest of the Southern District convention.

An executive board meeting will be held in Los Angeles January 18, Ebell having kindly offered to entertain us on this occasion. It is my hope to meet all of the official family who reside in the southern part of the state. On the return trip north I shall be the guest, in turn, of the clubwomen of Santa Barbara and Santa Maria. Invitations have been received from the Roseville club of Placer county and the Napa New Century club to meet with them on days of special note.

The official report of the proceedings of the eleventh biennial convention held at San Francisco has just been received. The contents are exceedingly interesting, to the local people particularly, who in the role of hostess were obliged to forego some of the sessions. Any club desiring a copy of this report should communicate with the General Federation State Secretary, Mrs. A. J. Waters.

Many Christmas greetings were received from club friends expressing kindly thought, and the cover of *The Club Woman* most fittingly phrased the Federation greetings. May the new year bring fulfillment and a large measure of success to all, and the spirit of fellowship increase our united strength.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. James W. Orr.

EXECUTIVE MEETING OF STATE BOARD

The regular meeting of the executive board, California Federation of Women's Clubs, was held December 21 at California Club House, Mrs. J. W. Orr presiding.

Present: Mmes. Orr, Goddard, Knight, Lynch, Shuman, Wiley, Karns, Stanwood, Woodbridge, and Greene, and Miss Briggs.

A report of the meeting held by San Joaquin district board December 2 was read, and herein it was agreed that the state convention be held April 29-30 and May 1 and 2 as originally planned. Mrs. Wiley stated that the new hotel is nearing completion and will be admirably equipped by that time.

Mrs. Mushet in a written report announced that dates of Los Angeles district meeting had been changed to March 19-20 and 21.

Mrs. Stanwood, chairman of art, announced a preliminary conference for late in the afternoon, to perfect plans for a future art conference; also that an exhibit had been set by Los Angeles district chairman of art to Hopkins Art Institute and invited ladies to view same.

Mrs. Orr told of a legislative conference held at California club house December 2, Mrs. Swan was elected permanent chairman of legislation for the season.

The chair spoke of her intention of later presenting a plan for reorganization of state committees, and also suggested an outline for the state convention program, reserving morning sessions for business, afternoons for conferences, and evenings for programs of an entertaining nature, reserving one evening for district presidents. On motion of Mrs. Wiley, this suggestion was approved.

Mrs. Woodbridge reported great civic activity in Northern and Los Angeles districts.

On motion of Mrs. Lynch, the following clubs were admitted to membership; Stratford Shakespeare club, San Diego; September, 1912; president, Mrs. L. H. Carpenter, 1518 Robinson avenue; corresponding secretary, Mrs. M. L. Lewis, 1921 Ida street; club membership, eleven; date of election, May 16. Time and place of meeting, alternate Thursdays at home of members.

The Research club, Alameda; organized August 9, 1910; president, Mrs. G. W. Ross, 925 Chestnut street, Alameda;

corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. A. Lamont, 2124 Pacific avenue, Alameda; club membership, twenty-four; purpose of club, intellectual culture; date of election, fourth Monday in May; time and place of meeting, second and fourth Mondays, at homes of members.

Federation of College Women's club, organized April, 1910; president, Miss Adele Meyer, 327 West Thirty-third street, Los Angeles; corresponding secretary, Miss Gertrude Gardner Brainerd, 454 Gramercy Place, Los Angeles; club membership, 700; purpose, to unite and concentrate the influence of college women's club for civic betterment; date of election, annual May meeting.

Harmony club, Gilroy, Santa Clara county; organizer February 14, 1910; president, Miss Mamie I. O'Toole, Gilroy; corresponding secretary, Miss Hazel E. McCormick, Gilroy; membership, sixteen active, three honorary; purpose, study and social; date of election, third Tuesday in June; place of meeting, at home of members.

Mrs. Calvin Hartwell, Mrs. R. J. Waters, Mrs. Wm. Baurhyte, Mrs. W. C. Mushet, Mrs. Foster Elliot and Miss Annie Bock of Los Angeles district, with Mrs. Ella Westland and Mrs. Henry De Nyse of Southern district, were the members present at the conference and luncheon of the state board, C. W. F. C., held at Shakespeare clubhouse, Pasadena, December 5. Mrs. Hartwell presided and listened to enthusiastic reports of those present.

This change of officers is noted in Wednesday Afternoon club of Ventura: President, Mrs. C. A. Barnes, R. F. D. No. 2, Ventura; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. Russell Walker, R. F. D. No. 2, Ventura.

It seems to me that there is one true function of education, one fundamental and undeniable function, and that is the creation in human beings of the power to think clearly and fearlessly. —B. Russell Herts, in *The International*.

DISTRICT NEWS

The clubs in Northern district have enjoyed many interesting meetings during the past five months.

Many year books have been received by the district president, and contain very delightful programs. Two well attended executive board meetings were held, the first an all-day session in the new Tuesday club house in Sacramento, where luncheon was served in the banquet room. The state president, Mrs. J. W. Orr, and state vice-president, Mrs. A. A. Goddard, were interested visitors.

Monday club of Oroville opened the club year by giving Shakespeare's "As you Like It" on the spacious and beautiful lawn of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Jones. The play was well presented, the setting most beautiful. The district president, Mrs. G. W. McCoy, was an honored guest. This club is one of the largest and most active in the district.

The district convention will be held in Oroville, March 12, 13, and 14, and is to be the guest of the Monday club. An excellent program is being prepared and the convention promises to be one of the best in the history of Northern district.

Tuesday club of Sacramento generously tendered the use of its new clubhouse to the district president for board meetings during the year, and also made it possible for the district to enjoy a delightful talk from Miss Ednah Rich, state chairman of home economics. The department of art has made great progress under the capable leadership of Mrs. J. B. Hughes. Lois club of Grass Valley has taken up art work exclusively, and already started portfolios. Improvement club of Roseville has established an art section, and will soon have a music section and give a half-hour of good music every Sunday afternoon. Kingsley Art club and the Ladies' Museum association, working together, brought two fine collections to Sacramento, and are planning to present another at a later date.

Music has been under the direction

of one of Sacramento's sweetest singers, Mrs. Walter Longbotham, who has given time and voice freely to both large and small clubs where her work is greatly appreciated. The music section of Tuesday club has been well attended and the programs excellent. An artist-recital by Doctor Heft, who has charge of the Conservatory of Music of Sacramento, deserves special mention.

Civic work shows activity. Several clubs have had clean-up days. Much is being done in the way of local improvement in the smaller towns. The legislative workers are already in the field and state and district chairmen have headquarters at Hotel Sacramento. All club women interested are asked to call at this room if in Sacramento during either session of the legislature.

The chairman of civil service reform, Mrs. B. N. Rideout, who is deeply interested in her work, is very ill, but though unable to leave her bed, has had some of the unfortunates whom she is trying to help to come to her.

Since the biennial six clubs have been added to Northern district, making a total of thirty-eight, which speaks well for the district chairman, Miss Etta Cornell. The women of Rocklin Improvement club bought an old house, tore out the partitions, and remodeled it into one of the cosiest club homes in the district. They painted and papered it, doing most of the work themselves, and are now having delightful programs, under the direction of a most capable president.

The last event of importance in the district was the Reciprocity day of the Women's Improvement club of Roseville. The state chairman of civics is president of this club. Nearly all of the executive board were present, beside several state officers, and each extended a word of greeting. Mrs. E. B. Stanwood gave a splendid talk on "The Wall and Its Possibilities from an Art Standpoint."

Mrs. G. W. McCoy, district president, presented the club with an orange wood gavel. This honored guest also read an original poem suited to the occasion, and was presented with a beautiful bouquet of pink and white carnations. Refreshments were served in a Japanese tea-room, where young women dressed in Japanese costume, presided at the tables. An unique invitation to partake of refreshments was sung by Mrs. W. P. Hemphill, who has recently returned from a trip to Japan. The Roseville club made an experiment this year in giving a day to each department of federation work, appointing a chairman for the day, who provided the program. Thus far the plan has been a decided success, and much credit should be given to the president, Mrs. Woodbridge.

We send through *The Club Woman* a message of good cheer to all the other districts, and a "Happy New Year."

SAN JOAQUIN DISTRICT.

The executive board of San Joaquin district held its regular monthly meeting at the Parlor Lecture clubhouse, Fresno, the afternoon of December 2. Chairmen of the various departments made their reports.

Arrangements for the state convention in Fresno, April 29 and 30, and May 1 and 2, were discussed. One of the embryo plans of the entertainment committee is an excursion into Yosemite Valley.

One of the most interesting affairs ever given by the art department of the Parlor Lecture club took place December 7, at which time the members of the club were invited to meet Miss Marguerite Thompson, who recently returned from abroad, and view her unusual collection of paintings. Miss Thompson is a follower of the post-impressionist school, a school quite new as yet to people in general, and her pictures, many of them in bold unmixed colors, aroused much interest and discussion. "The Open Door," painted near Los Angeles, elicited especial attention.

Several score of prominent members of the club received with the guest of honor.

At a meeting held some time ago at the Parlor Lecture club, Chief of Police Jones and Probation Officer Sessions were the speakers. As a result of reports made by them, a resolution was introduced at a meeting held December 6, endorsing the work of the probation officer, recommending that the number of police officers be increased, and suggesting that one of the officers be a policewoman. Enforcement of the curfew law was also urged.

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.

A meeting and luncheon of the Los Angeles district board was held Saturday, December 28, at the rooms of the Union League, Mrs. Mushet presiding.

The recording secretary, Mrs. H. J. Slater, distributed copies of the "District Directory of Clubs" and received a vote of thanks for her service in preparing the book.

Mrs. Mushet announced that the invitation sent by the Monrovia Woman's club to hold the annual district convention in that town had been accepted, with March 26, 27 and 28 as the dates.

A resolution was presented by the chairman of forestry, protesting against state control of forests and waterways, on the ground that said forests and waterways should be under federal government supervision.

Mrs. J. E. Coleman made known the good news that \$500 will be the net result of the extravaganza "America." This sum is to be used to help in the purchase of the settlement house on Bauchet street.

Mrs. Coleman told something of the good work being accomplished at Coleman house and of some of the needs of the institution. A nurse and a piano were mentioned especially, with the explanation that Italians, numerous in the neighborhood, desired good music and not "rag," which they designated as, "all too much noise."

Mrs. H. E. Brett, press chairman Los Angeles district, reported 100 letters, with copies of *The Club Woman*, sent to clubs in the district, asking their interest in this official organ of the state, and also that a press chairman be appointed for each club.

Alhambra Wednesday club held two interesting meetings the second week of December. At the usual Wednesday afternoon program Frank G. Tyrrell of Los Angeles spoke on "Business Law for Women." Mr. Tyrrell recommended the study of elementary law by women as a safeguard, especially to those left alone, and also urged the study of parliamentary law, saying that a thorough insight into this subject was of as much cultural value as study of philosophy or foreign languages.

Miss E. F. Wheeler talked on the subject, "The Quest of Culture In and Out of Clubs," when she appeared before the Woman's club of Hollywood, December 11. "Too many books, too learned discourses, too extensive travels," she suggested, "supply us with more mental food than we can digest. Real culture is not knowledge accumulated but knowledge assimilated, and incorporated into character."

The Friday Morning club held its annual book display December 13. Over 400 volumes of the best holiday editions were exhibited. The program of the morning was under the auspices of the book committee, Mrs. Margaret Frick chairman.

Frank Baum, author of "The Wizard of Oz," was the speaker, taking for his subject, "Folk Lore and Fairy Tales." Mr. Baum severely criticized Blue Beard and Red Riding Hood, saying he believed that such tales only created fear and nightmares and that sympathy was induced by kindness rather than by the recounting of serious accidents, murders and battle.

During the latter part of December the Christmas spirit permeated club programs and club philanthropies. Nothing could be more beautiful and impressive than the old Nativity play,

presented for centuries by the peasants of the Bavarian Alps, which was given December 23 by Ebells, Los Angeles. The exquisite little play was staged with the surroundings of the stable at Bethlehem, and was presented with all the necessary sweetness and solemnity. It was twice repeated, December 28 and December 30, the former occasion being a party for children of Ebells members, when according to club custom each child brought a gift to be placed on a big Christmas tree for the party December 30.

On this latter date children and their mothers from the settlements, about five hundred in number and of every nationality, enjoyed the festivities and good things provided.

The Ramblers' section of Highland Park Ebells, assisted by other members of the club, distributed gifts at the Los Angeles Orphans' Home, December 20, and on the same date, Coleman house invited hundreds of children of every color and tongue to enjoy a Christmas party.

At Santa Monica, the Woman's Club, of which Mrs. Fred Taft is president, distributed piles of pretty stockings full of gifts and sweets.

The conference called by Mrs. Vernon C. Herron, chairman of civics for Los Angeles district, the afternoon of January 2, was well attended.

Mrs. Herron spoke briefly of the many lines of civic endeavor open to club women and urged the necessity for a broader study in this direction, saying, "Every club should find some definite civic work to do."

"Maternity Cottage" in Los Angeles has, since it opened, cared for 157 patients, beside securing work for married men, placing deserted wives in homes, and caring for the ill and destitute in the neighborhood. A school for mothers recently opened will be a valuable addition to the work already being done.

The Federation of College Women's clubs, Los Angeles, with a membership of 750, is considering the erection of a building on Grand avenue which

is to contain offices and club accommodations.

In the passing of Mrs. Anna S. Averill, Los Angeles district has lost a beloved leader and an intellectual power. Mrs. Averill, founder of the second woman's club in Los Angeles, was an honorary member of sixty clubs.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Southern district board was held December 12 at the Woman's clubhouse in Upland and plans for the convention to be held in Corona in January were thoroughly discussed.

Wednesday Morning club of Riverside is giving music teachers an opportunity to present their advanced pupils before the club; and for several weeks has devoted to them one or more numbers on the program.

At the last meeting of the Ebell society of Santa Ana, held the end of November, many matters of business were discussed. A committee was appointed to meet with a committee from other women's clubs to consider the formation of a county federation. Delegates and alternates to the Southern district convention were chosen.

Pacific Beach Reading club gave an open meeting early in December..

"Household Economics" was the topic December 4 at the Women's club of Rialto. Mrs. H. C. Lash, formerly teacher in this subject, presented an instructive paper, followed by an address by Mrs. Thomas Ewing, district chairman of household economics.

Everyone enjoyed the program for December 19, when Mme. Borchgrevink in Norwegian costume told of Christmas customs in her native country, and Miss Margaret Wells and Mrs. H. L. MacRae played and sang Norwegian masterpieces.

The Brawley Woman's club met but once during December, this being a business meeting, where it was decided to work with the board of education to secure sufficient votes to authorize a bond issue of \$50,000 for the erection of a new high school. The measure has since carried.

The executive board of Imperial county federation met at El Centro December 17, every club being represented.

Colton Woman's club has petitioned the board of trustees to increase the license so that cheap and demoralizing shows may be discouraged from stopping in that town.

An appeal from the philanthropy committee of San Bernardino Woman's club brought forth a shower of packages for the Thanksgiving table. The afternoon was dedicated to Thanksgiving and Father Fitzgerald of Redlands gave an effective talk.

L. L. Beeman, principal of the high school, recently made a forcible and timely address before the women of this club. The speaker laid great stress upon the benefit which may result through their co-operation with

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PROGRAM FOR ANNUAL MEETING ALAMEDA DISTRICT

Twelfth Annual Convention, February 18, 19, 20, 1913.

Tuesday.

11 a. m. Meeting of Credential committee.

12:30 p. m. Luncheon. Greetings, and reports from club presidents.

4 p. m. Inspection of playgrounds with tea at Mosswood Park.

8:00 p. m. Reception to delegates.

Wednesday.

9:45 a. m. Report of Credential committee. Adoption of program. Report of committee on Rules and Regulations.

Report of Officers: Vice-President Mrs. F. B. Weeks; Recording Secretary Mrs. Cecil Corwin; Corresponding Secretary Mrs. W. E. Colby. Treasurer Mrs. G. M. Huxley; President Mrs. J. C. Lynch.

Discussion of Resolutions.

Report of Chairmen: Art, Mrs. R. S. Holway; Club Extension, Miss Winifred Bangs; Legislation, Mrs. S. C. Borland; History and Landmarks, Mrs. W. S. Peters; Civil Service Reform, Dr. Minora E. Kibbe, address.

1:45 p. m.—Greetings from state president, Mrs. J. W. Orr.

"Club Endowment Fund," Mrs. E. G. Denniston.

Address.

Reports of Chairmen: Press, Mrs. W. E. Colby; Education, Mrs. George D. Lauderback; Health, Miss E. M. Shuey; Industrial and Social Conditions, Mrs. R. E. Moody; Home Economics, Mrs. L. G. Leonard, address on Home Economics, "Scientific Management in the Home."

4:00 p. m. Tea served in clubhouse.

8:00 p. m. Report of Music committee. Half hour of music. Address.

Thursday.

9:45 a. m. Election of officers. Adoption of resolutions. Reports of chairmen: Civics, Mrs. Thomas P. Hogan; Forestry, Mrs. J. S. Reef; State University Clubhouse Loan Fund, Miss Helen Peckham.

Discussion of selected topics. Address.

1:45 p. m. Presentation of officers.

Invitation for next convention. Reading of minutes. Unfinished business. Miscellaneous business.

Reports of chairmen: Philanthropy, Mrs. L. P. Crane, address; Waterways, Mrs. L. F. Cockroft; illustrated stereopticon lecture on Conservation, Mrs. E. G. Greene, state chairman Waterways.

Adjournment.

OFFICIAL INVITATION

The twelfth annual convention of Alameda district will be held at Ebell clubhouse in Oakland, 1440 Harrison boulevard, on February 18, 19 and 20, 1913. The following Oakland clubs will act as hostess on that occasion:

Ebell society, Oakland club, Fruitvale club, Alta Vista club, Laurel club, New Century club, Bay View Reading club, Book club, Dennison, East Oakland, Alameda County Nurses association, and Thursday Reading club.

All club presidents in the district with their boards and as many club members as possible are earnestly urged to attend all meetings of the convention.

A cordial invitation is extended to visiting club women to make Ebell clubhouse their headquarters during the convention.

The call for the meeting with all necessary information will be sent out in January and it is hoped that each club will have its full representation of delegates.

Mrs. John Conant Lynch,
President Alameda District.

People who seem to enjoy their ill temper, have a way of keeping it in fine condition by inflicting privations on themselves. That was Mrs. Glegg's way: she made her tea weaker than usual this morning and declined butter. —George Eliot.

"THE INTERNATIONAL CONSCIENCE"

MRS. JOSIAH EVANS COWLES

Chairman of Peace Committee, G. F. W. C.

"The mere love of peace and hatred of war avail little to accomplish results. There should be in some educational form a knowledge of conditions and expense induced by war, a study of international relations, and when war might be necessary, if ever. The subject should be treated in an eminently practical manner, and should react upon intelligent public sentiment. Syllabi will be supplied by the Peace society gratis. It is important that the thinking women of America appreciate the opportunities before our government at the third Hague Conference in 1915 to influence the nations."

The committee on peace of the department of education purposes to outline its work in accordance with the above recommendation of Mrs. Philip N. Moore in her biennial address, delivered in San Francisco last June.

The schedule of lectures on "International Conciliation," given at Leland Stanford Junior University by David Starr Jordan and Edward Benjamin Krehbiel, suggests a course of study that may be followed by individual club women or by clubs, more or less exhaustively. The lectures are grouped under the following headings, viz:

The History of Warfare; The Evils of War; The Remedy: Peace, which is to be sought through the extension of law, and through education; The Historical Background of the Present Peace Movement; The Beginnings of a World Legislature; The Beginnings of a World Judiciary; The Case For and Against War; Conditions Tending to Promote International Amity; Means of Promoting Peace.

Books containing these syllabi may be obtained free upon application to the World Peace Foundation, 29 Beacon street, Boston, Mass., as may also many other valuable pamphlets.

Peace literature may also be procured upon application to the International Conciliation Society, Dr. F. P. Keppel, Sub-station 84, New York City,

and to the American Peace Society, Dr. Benjamin F. Trueblood, Colorado building, Washington, D. C.

The report of the eighteenth annual Lake Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration may be borrowed from most public libraries and procured in limited numbers from the secretary, H. C. Phillips, Mohonk Lake, New York.

The prospect of the third Hague Conference and the Century of Peace, being the hundredth anniversary of peace among English speaking peoples, will make the year 1915 a memorable one, and should incite patriotic club women to studious investigation of the vast interests involved. Skilled lecturers may be procured to present the various phases of the peace question, but the greatest benefit will be derived from the aroused interest of many club members from the smallest hamlet, remotest ranch, or most cosmopolitan city, who determine to sift the evidence for themselves. Magazines, journals, daily papers, and publications of all sorts team with favorable mention of this kind of conservation.

Every club should designate a member of its education committee to direct the club's study of vital peace questions. One member should collect current clippings on the subject, and place them in convenient form on the library table of the club house for reference and inspiration.

If the time intervening between this date and that of the Chicago biennial can be utilized by our membership, among its many other privileges, in acquiring and disseminating accurate and intelligent knowledge of the peace movement, we shall be in a position to make our portion of the conference and program hours of compelling interest, and the "international conscience" of the General Federation of Women's Clubs a vital factor in this great cause for God and humanity.

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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

A happy New Year to you one and all!

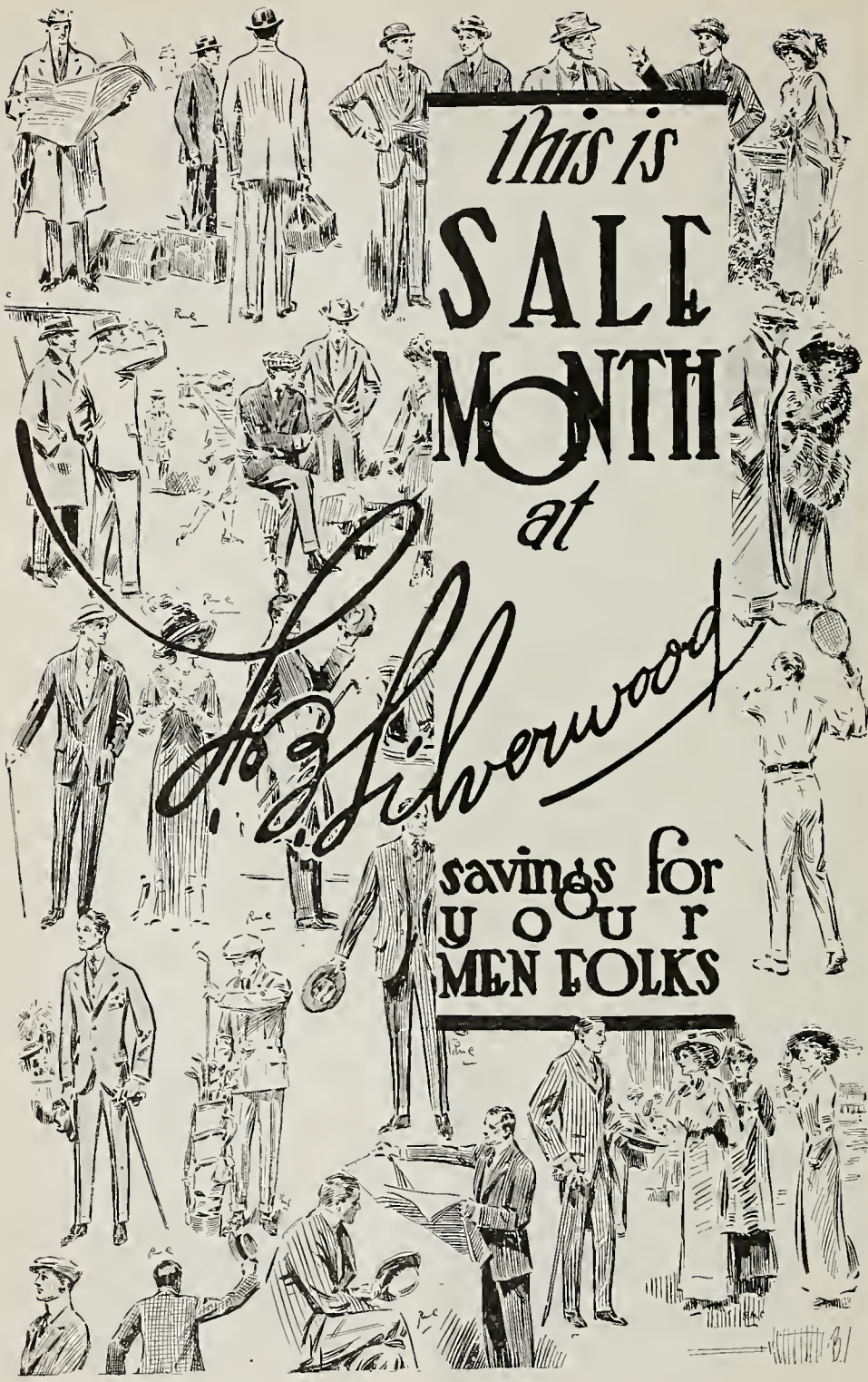
As I look over the field there is much of encouragement to report. Every officer is at work; every chairman is busy; there are no drones in our official family. While it was a great disappointment that we could not hold the conference of chairman in December, yet we are making the best of the situation—the chairmen are preparing their outlines for a booklet which we wish to issue by the fifteenth. Few clubs begin to plan for next year's work before March; it is our purpose to have in your hands within one cover the work of each committee clearly and concisely expressed. This will enable you to have a more comprehensive view of the whole field of Federation activities, and therefore you will be able to choose more wisely the special work that you will undertake for 1913-1914.

I cannot refrain in this connection from paying a grateful tribute to your chairmen of departments; these women

give themselves unsparingly, and are doing such fine work that you will be proud of their record when they come before you at the Council meeting in Washington. I am glad that Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, the chairman of the press committee, is devoting an especial article to each chairman; her treatment of Mrs. Crocker and Miss Helen Louise Johnson shows rare insight into their work, and a most sympathetic understanding of their personality. I hope you are seeing and reading these sketches.

I have asked each member of the Federation cabinet to write an article for the Bulletin outlining all the work entrusted to her care. Mrs. Reilly has done this most ably in the November issue. However, I must tell you that in addition to the tasks there described she serves on the membership committee and is chairman of the Council program committee.

Mrs. Williams of Michigan has accepted the treasurership made vacant



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by the resignation of Mrs. Threadgill, and has entered upon her new duties. Miss Georgia Bacon of Worcester, Mass., becomes a director in the place of Mrs. Williams. Miss Bacon has kindly consented to take the chairmanship of the finance committee and to act in an advisory capacity to the household economics committee and to the six New England States.

Let me acknowledge gratefully the receipt of various club and state year-books. You will be interested to know that Rhode Island has an exceptionally fine arrangement of her General Federation material. I heartily recommend that other presidents and printing committees examine this volume. May I also make a plea that every year-book have an index; you can scarcely realize how much time this saves an officer.

Late in January I am to be the guest of Arizona at the state meeting in Douglas. At the risk of being a bit personal, I am going to give an example of the pluck and generosity of these western women. When Arizona wrote asking me to come to them, I stated frankly that I felt the expense of the trip would be too great a burden on them. The answer came by return mail, "We find the railroad fare, exclusive of Pullman, will not be more than sixty dollars; therefore we hasten to say that we regard it a privilege and not a burden to bear the expenses of the president of our General Federation on her visit to us." The third week in February I shall visit Chicago, the mid-winter meeting of Minnesota in Minneapolis, and Cleveland, Ohio. Early in March, Mrs. Reilley, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Christie and I will hold a Council conference in Washington. Easter week I am to spend with my young people at Lexington, Va. In April, May and June, my plan is to visit the state federations of Louisiana, Arkansas, Virginia, attend the Council meeting, and be present at the conventions of New Jersey, Missouri, Iowa, Massachusetts and Kentucky. On these visits I am extremely anxious to meet face to face the presidents, state secre-

taries, and as many chairmen and committee members as possible. A quiet visit of half an hour with each separately will give me a better understanding of the work than days spent in a round of Federation program and social entertainment.

During these quiet days at home I have had leisure to re-read and study various criticisms that have come. Because I feel that we must always know how to receive just criticism and because the New Year is a good time for us to take stock, I am going to give you some of these charges against us. From different parts of the country has come the complaint that many delegates return with no adequate conception of what the biennial meant; their reports are made up of dry details oftentimes culled from the newspapers, and read in so dull a manner that the audience is bored to the slumber point; that no time is given in the state convention for the asking of questions nor for the discussion of various biennial features. My idea is that delegates from the state-at-large should be more carefully chosen, each one being impressed with the idea that she is to be held responsible for bringing back to the rank and file of those unable to take the long journey a clear account of what really happened, together with a sympathetic understanding of the convention. To do this will require: first, regular attendance at the biennial sessions; second, undivided attention to the program; third, participation in the conferences for which the delegate has most interest; fourth, the meeting in an informal social way women from all sections of the country and talking over various club problems; fifth, an open mind to receive impressions. There is no reason why the work should not be divided among the different delegates, as it often is. Give one person the business sessions, another, the departmental reports: another the social side. The delegate should then realize that whatever has been entrusted to her must come first; nothing should stand in the way of her

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preparing herself to bring back to her own people the richness that the biennial offered. Let her in her reporting show some of her own personality; give her own impressions; for it is this personal touch that vivifies the whole picture. I know of one case where the enthusiasm and intelligence of one woman's report carried twenty-five women to the next biennial. It is not such a difficult matter as it might seem. If a woman will inform herself from headquarters, digest this information after she gets home, formulate these memories while they are still fresh, organize her material into proper shape and reduce it to writing—then put it away, and brood over it while busy about household, or driving, or taking long trips on the street cars—if she will do all this, her report will be a masterpiece. May I emphasize the point that this brooding is absolutely necessary to bring out the best that is in us. It is wonderful, when a knotty problem has been presented and you can see no solution, that if you simply carry the subject around with you subconsciously, oftentimes an illumination comes suddenly. Then may I suggest the biennial should be given proper setting on the program? Since we meet only once in two years could not an evening session be given to this topic, and could it not be made a brilliant affair, that would be enjoyed by the general public as well as by the club women? I know this can be accomplished, for I have more than once seen it done. The influence has been educative, for it has pictured to hundreds who are not in touch with club work what the biennial really means. Apropos, I should like to suggest that each state president send not only an invitation to, but a program of, her annual meeting to each of the other state presidents and to the members of the board. These numerous programs would be most helpful in making out schedules for the next year. Before leaving the subject let me beg that more delegates make up their minds to talk and not read their reports. I do

not mean by this that the matter should not be thoroughly prepared and carefully written out, but since the spoken message has so much more power than anything read, can we not give unto ourselves a lesson, a task, so to speak, in the laying aside of the manuscript? It takes a good deal more time, I admit, and perhaps more courage, but it can be accomplished, and you will be repaid for the additional effort when you have the pleasure of looking straight into the eyes of your audience as you talk and feel that subtle sympathy that your auditors send back to you when you are giving them what they want. Since I have twenty letters asking why so many people still read papers rather than speak, I am going to run the risk of saying an unpopular thing. I believe that in most cases the real reason is lack of industry and failure to take time by the forelock. We begin to prepare for our work so late that we are hurried and driven. We do not take the infinite pains necessary to enable us to speak without notes what has beforehand been most thoughtfully put into shape.

Some of our strongest workers use poor, even ungrammatical English, we are told. If this be true, it more often happens from carelessness than from ignorance. When the criticism is bitter, I wonder if the critic could look down into the heart and life of the woman offending and see what her struggles have been, what she has made of herself in spite of obstacles, whether the judgment would not be less severe. But might we not give more attention to the correctness and elegance of speech? We must never forget that into our hands are given the ideals of the nation, and that the ideal of perfect English is as lofty as the ideals of art and music. As a rule, Americans have not taken time for the proper study of our mother tongue; we do not feel any intense pride in the use of exquisite English. To the many to whom the best educational advantages have been given should come not only the feeling that we must live up to our training, but

that in the kindest, most tactful way we should help others to do the same—not forgetting for one moment that these others, while they may be lacking in the niceties of speech, undoubtedly excel in other ways.

Many letters of inquiry have come concerning the new committee on the study of political science. I have been asked, "Why is this placed under the head of education?" The answer is clear: Because the body politic at San Francisco ordered it to be so placed. The second question, "What is the object of this committee?" I will answer by quoting from a paragraph in a recent letter from the chairman, Miss Helen Varick Boswell: "It is to afford an opportunity to study the kind of political science that has made this country a developer of the wisest statesmanship, and thus prepare ourselves for the duties and responsibilities of citizens, so that we shall have an understanding of the whole matter when citizenship does come to us, or as it is with us now; for we have our duties as citizens even where we do not vote." It may interest you to know that scores of these letters are coming from the south, and that the women of this section are eager to take up the study.

I know you were grieved to hear of the death of our honorary vice-president, Mrs. E. L. Buchwalter of Springfield, Ohio. The women of Ohio held a memorial service at Springfield, the General Federation being represented by our second vice-president, Mrs. Sneath, who spoke most beautifully of the generous assistance and unswerving loyalty that Mrs. Buchwalter had ever given to the state and national organizations. Christmas day we sent to Captain Buchwalter an exquisite wreath in the name of the General Federation to be placed upon the grave of her whom we have so long loved and admired. I count it a special privilege that after the Ohio meeting I was the guest of the Buchwalters in their hospitable home.

My New Year wish for each one of us, dear club women of America, is that

we may be given charity; charity not of act alone, nor of speech, but a charity of judgment one for another. A dear gentlewoman once said to me, "Whenever I feel myself growing critical about an acquaintance, I straightway go and ask her to break bread with me. The cheer of sharing hospitality so warms our hearts that we are almost invariably brought closer together, and when she leaves my door I feel that I am saying good-bye to a friend."

You know it would be impossible for me to close a letter without saying, "Remember the Council, April 21, 22, 23, with the closing session in Baltimore, April 24." I am most happy to tell you that more than half of the state presidents have written saying that they will be in attendance, but I shall not be satisfied if there are not also strong delegations from many states.

As a final word, you know what I am going to say, "Forget not the endowment." If we could only close this matter at the Council your president could turn her attention to something you might find more interesting, but I must say frankly that until the \$100,000 is raised I think first, last and all the time that this is the duty you have entrusted to this administration.

You have been patient with this long letter, but may I hope that you will think over the various points, and sometimes drop me a note to let me know that you are not unknown friends, but that there is the touch of spirit to spirit, though we cannot see each other face to face?

Sincerely yours,

Anna J. H. Pennybacker.

Smile a smile.

While you smile

Another smiles;

And soon there's miles and miles
Of smiles. And life's worth while

If you but smile.

—Mane Thompson.

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Mrs. George Edward Swan, State Chairman of Legislation

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Iowa Injunction and Abatement Act.
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A GREAT NEED

ELIZABETH BAKER BOHAN

In this time of legislation, of law-making, one does much constructive thinking about laws that should be made but can not be brought into existence because of an inadequate and obstructive Constitution. One such was the proposed bill to reimburse any person wrongfully imprisoned, upon proof of his innocence, and consequent discharge. This dies still born, because the weak body of our state Constitution will not permit it to issue. Charters and constitutions become outworn and comparatively useless just as certainly as the clothes of a growing child. In the evolutionary laws to which we are all subject this certainly inheres, and people of sense and insight acknowledge it, and strive to remedy the evils wrought by the obstructions of our constitution.

We know that, in idea, the state is

paternal in its functions, and proposes to extend a protective aegis over all its children equally, and to this end embodies its intentions in a document called a constitution, but we know that in reality the state is sometimes criminally neglectful of its defenseless children. From time to time the deficiencies of its constitution are discovered and amendments made, but there comes a time, when, like an old garment covered with too many patches, it should be displaced by a new one. Our state constitution has come to this pass and should be superseded by a better and more comprehensive one.

There would be no opposition to this, did the people realize that law enactments **never go before** a sense of justice in the mind of man, but **always follow** when this sense is full grown, is insistent and demanding expression.

One example among many that might be given, is the case of wife selling in England. Men and women are alive today who could tell of the consternation throughout Great Britain when, one day some thirty-five or forty years ago, an English peasant brought his wife into market with a halter on and offered her for sale. Upon examination it was found that the man was well within his rights according to an old unrepealed law of England. At one time, in early days, it had been a common practice, but the people had outgrown the law. Their minds and hearts had been developing, progressing, while the law had remained stationary, and the object lesson they received that market day in that English village, caused them immediately to make the law measure up to their civilization.

We are in some such position now, here in California. The state places itself in the position of highway robber when forcibly taking from an innocent

man his liberty, wages, health, family and friends. One would naturally suppose that, when the mistake is discovered the state, being powerful, rich, and an honorable institution, would like to make amends, but not so; it has a constitution which says that no amends can be made further than letting the man go—homeless, friendless, penniless and forlorn. The excuse is that it was done with "good intentions." In individual highway robbery this excuse does no count. The state does not permit an individual to kill, but itself engages in killing—with "good intentions."

The state should be as accountable, as high-minded and honorable, as it expects the individual to be, and it would be if represented and administered by the best citizens instead of by crafty, grafting politicians. All lovers of justice should study this matter and see if our constitution does not need overhauling from the bottom up, so that it may measure up to our civilization.

ART CONFERENCE FOR CALIFORNIA

MRS. EDWARD B. STANWOOD
State Chairman of Art

An art conference, under the direction of the state federation of women's clubs, would be the most effective piece of work that the art department could accomplish. It would stimulate all art work in the clubs; it could by co-operation, arrange for standard art lectures and exhibitions, and, locally, in each district, could work powerfully for civic beauty and an art commission.

It is our hope to have such a conference in each of the six districts of the federation this year. San Francisco, Alameda and Northern districts are actively planning for such a conference, each district working out its own plan of organization according to local conditions. One method might be to have the district art chairman ask each art club and art section to send a representative to the meeting for organi-

zation. This organization may mean simply a chairman and a secretary, the power resting with the delegates of the conference itself. The conference, if it thinks best, may invite civic leagues, or art departments of local schools and colleges to send representatives.

As to the activities of such a conference—again the work should be determined locally. A meeting may be planned where each organization with an art section reports its aims and activities; an address may be arranged for, or a topic for discussion; an exhibition may be held at the time and place of the conference.

When we have six well organized art conferences in the state, then we can plan for a state art conference, and before 1915 we can be ready to accept the unusual advantages offered to the women of our state by the Panama Pacific Exposition.

CONCERNING THE ENDOWMENT FUND

MRS. E. G. DENNISTON
State Chairman

"There comes an hour in the history of individuals and organizations when the clock of destiny strikes a warning note. To those who heed, the future brings prosperity. To those, who having ears hear not, there remains nothing but retrogression. Such a time has come to us. The General Federation of Women's Clubs must raise an endowment of \$100,000 or retrograde from its proud position as a world power."

At Cincinnati, in 1912, the General Federation, through the delegates assembled, voted enthusiastically to accept the plan as recommended by Mrs. Philip N. Moore, then president, to raise an endowment fund of \$100,000, equivalent to 25 cents per capita of the 800,000 membership.

A committee on endowment was appointed by the president, but when the Federation met in San Francisco in 1912, only the small sum of \$15,000 had been pledged, and but two states, Florida and Texas, had met the apportionment. While this was discouraging to the committee, it was not disheartening.

In so tremendous an organization as the General Federation it is almost impossible that clubwomen in general can be in close touch with the Federation and its aims, unless visitation can be made throughout the land by those possessing the requisite knowledge.

The question is asked, why raise an endowment fund, when the income of the Federation is \$8000 per year? Consider for a moment some of the necessary expenses of such an organization: Of the \$8000, one-fourth is needed for printing alone, and for expense of the conventions one-eighth. The heads of departments are allowed a paltry \$100 each. No more than mere routine work can be done on such a small amount.

Each state federation needs the inspiration which would result from visitation of General Federation officers and heads of departments, now impos-

sible because of lack of funds.

Is it fair or self-respecting to ask the president of the General Federation to pay the greater part of her expenses as she travels from place to place in the interest of the organizations to which she gives her strength, her mentality and her loyalty? The remedy is for each clubwoman to pay her pro rata of the endowment fund, and only then will she feel that she has the right to ask that the president or heads of departments shall visit and give of their knowledge and experience.

The General Federation has grown in twenty-two years, from less than 100 clubs to 1000 clubs and forty-nine state federations; from study clubs in the main, to earnest workers, banded together for service, devoting themselves to the study of art, civics, social service reform, conservation, education, household economics, industrial and social conditions, legislation, literature and library extension, music and public health, and has become such a vital force in all national movements for the betterment of conditions, that the assistance of the Federation is sought when any reform is started.

Are we going to let such a power for good be lost by refusing to place the Federation upon the dignified and righteous standing of having an income which will enable it to perform the work for which it was called into existence? Clubwomen will answer with an emphatic NO.

The share of California in the endowment fund is \$6000. Of this amount \$2025, more than one-third, is pledged, and \$506.50 paid to the treasurer of the General Federation.

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In the manner of raising the \$6000, greatest latitude is allowed. It can be done as clubs or as individuals: in honor of the living or in loving memory of some one departed from this life, for whom we would be glad to take a share in such a cause.

From a letter received from Mrs. Philip N. Moore, the following words are quoted: "A club member or non-club member may subscribe in honor of any friend who has passed away, or of any one who is alive. We have always felt that many might be enough interested in such an endowment and in the work of the General Federation to give money, even if they were not members of clubs. In many cases, money has been given by men in memory of their wives, and in other cases for the living."

Five hundred dollars places a name upon the roll of founders and \$100 upon the roll of honor. The General Federation chairman asks that whenever agreeable, the name of the one in whose memory the money is given with a photograph be sent, that it may be published in the General Federation Bulletin.

An endowment fund committee for the California Federation has been formed, of which the writer is chairman. One member is appointed from each district, the committee being as follows: Northern district, Mrs. Emily Hoppin, Yolo; Alameda district, Mrs. Annie Little Barry, 1935 El Dorado avenue, Berkeley; San Joaquin district, Mrs. J. H. Fox, Lemoore; Los Angeles district, Mrs. Calvin Hartwell, 411 Summit avenue, Pasadena; Southern district, Mrs. J. H. Holland, Riverside;

San Francisco district, Mrs. E. G. Deniston, 3454 Twenty-first street, San Francisco.

All pledges should be reported to the chairmen of the respective districts, and the money sent to the state federation treasurer, Mrs. Henry DeNyse, Riverside.

Our aim is, that when the General Federation meets in Chicago in 1914, California will be able to report that the \$6000 apportioned to her has been fully and gladly paid into the treasury.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

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teachers along certain lines—the matter of dress and the accepted customs prevailing at school gatherings of a social nature, a curfew law and the desirability of a rigid censorship of moving pictures being touched upon.

La Jolla Woman's club has made definite plans for the new year and indications are that many good things will be accomplished. A mothers' and teachers' educational department has been organized, and it has been decided that current events shall again be a feature of each meeting.

The civics section of this club at a recent meeting took up the question of securing an extra mounted policeman, and discussed several matters of sanitation concerning which they petitioned the San Diego board of health. Steps were also taken to establish a curfew law and to secure the appointment of a probation officer.

The Mothers' club of San Diego had but one meeting in December. At that time Mrs. Sarah Wilber and Mrs. Ce-

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lia Slocum were chosen delegates to the Southern district convention.

December 10 was set aside for the losing side of a membership contest in Upland Woman's club to entertain the winning side at a six o'clock dinner.

Thirty dollars was cleared for the "club lot fund," when Upland Woman's club served a dinner for business men in honor of the members of the Upland and Ontario volunteer fire de-

partments, who worked so valiantly during a recent conflagration.

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PLEA FOR PSYCHOPATHIC HOSPITALS

In establishing a psychopathic home for the insane, the club women of Los Angeles have set an example worthy of imitation by the club women of every large city in California. Those who have studied the question agree that psychopathic hospitals for the care of acute cases and those in their incipency, are the greatest need in our system for the care of the mentally afflicted. Many cases which might be easily cured if taken in time become chronic because of delay in treatment, and these delays are bound to occur so long as commitment must be a legal transaction.

It is well known that many patients are committed who never should have entered an asylum, who are in no condition to conform to the requirements of institutional life. What they need is special and individual treatment which it is impossible for them to receive in a place where so many must be brought under discipline.

It may be an over-burdened mother whose mind gives way; it may be an inebriated father; a son may be afflicted with epilepsy, a daughter poisoned with the germs of typhoid; or it may be that an aged grandparent is passing into senility. These are only a few of the typical cases with causes widely different, which need immediate and expert attention. How many homes might be kept together and how much suffering avoided if there were near at hand a place where these could

voluntarily go or be taken by their friends for treatment and advice without publicity and without commitment to the asylum. Out of these the incurables would eventually be weeded and placed where they could be prevented from doing injury to themselves or to society.

It is admitted that the expense of carrying on these hospitals would of necessity be great, involving the employment of specialists among both nurses and doctors. It would, however, be a short-sighted policy to reject it on that account, for if many lives were spared to usefulness and self-support instead of becoming life-long charges upon the state, the actual outlay in money would be made up, to say nothing of the increase in human happiness and comfort.

The state could well afford to contribute to the support of these hospitals and to co-operate with them in regard to commitments and discharges from the asylum. Indeed, the suggestion that this would be desirable comes from the state government itself. In its report for June, 1910, the State Commission of Lunacy said that such hospitals would be the greatest advance possible at present.

"Pretty generally throughout the United States it is agreed that state care of the insane is the best method of handling the big question but if it were possible to arrange that some of our larger cities would work jointly with

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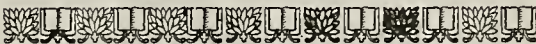
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the state in the building, equipment, and maintenance of psychopathic hospitals, the whole situation would be made better. Patients would go there as to a general hospital and if curable in a reasonable time, remain there until recovery without ever reaching a state hospital for the insane."

Co-operation between state and county hospitals has been tried without success either in California or other states, and it now remains for women and men to work together in the solution of this problem which means so much to the homes of our commonwealth.

The organization of the Psychopathic Parole society, started also by the club women of Los Angeles, is a step in the right direction. May its influence be widespread and may it accomplish the purpose in the minds of its promoters.

SAVE THE TREES

In an address before the Commonwealth club of San Francisco, State Forester Homans declared:

"The state of California has within its borders very remarkable trees and valuable forests—forests so valuable and remarkable that they are famous in all parts of the world.

"Let these forests occupy but a very small portion of the surface. The state contains about 100,000,000 acres. Only about one-seventh of this area bears trees which can properly be called forests. But it is an accepted fact that the future welfare of our state demands that immediate and well directed action be taken to conserve our forests. Next to our need of food and water, comes our need of timber.

"Our industries which subsist wholly or mainly upon wood, pay the wages

of more than 1,500,000 men and women.

"Forests not only grow timber, but they hold the soil, and conserve the streams. They abate the wind, and give protection from excessive heat and cold. Woodlands make for the fiber and happiness of the citizens and the nations.

"In the United States since 1870, fires have destroyed a yearly average of 50 lives, \$50,000,000 worth of timber, and not less than 50,000,000 acres of forests are burned over yearly. So the first step to be taken, after establishing a forest policy, is to protect the timber from fire.

"California depends at present upon the unsatisfactory system of voluntary fire wardens. The board of forestry has induced nearly 1000 public spirited men to serve without compensation. They make arrests for violation of the forest laws, fight fires in their immediate localities, post fire warnings, notices, caution campers against carelessness with fires, and distribute copies of forest laws.

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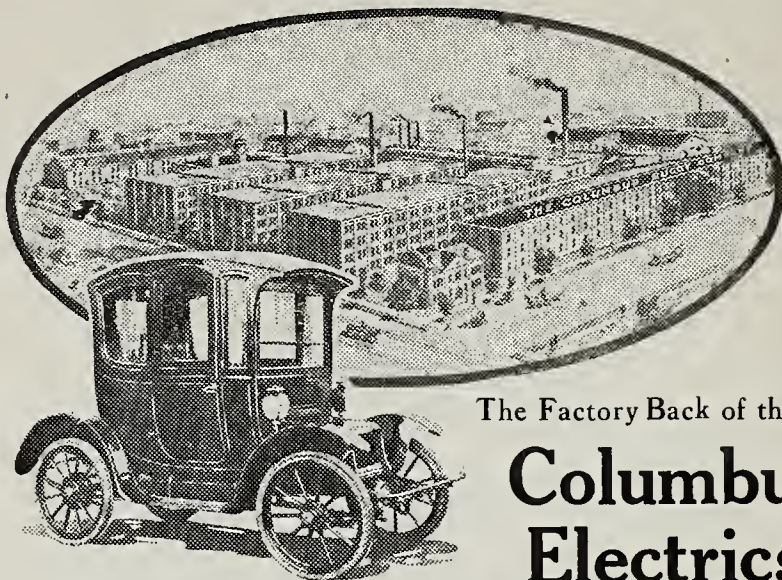
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EDITORIAL

Oh, the dear, delightful sound
Of the drops that to the ground
From the eaves rejoicing run
In the February sun!
Drip, drip, drip, they slid and slip
From the icicles' bright tip,
Till they melt the sullen snow
On the garden bed below.
"Bless me! what is all this drumming?"
Cries the crocus, "I am coming."

—Celia Thaxter.

At the meeting of the state executive board in Los Angeles in January, Mrs. Orr presented a tentative plan for the approaching state convention that follows the general outline of the biennial program—the mornings are to be occupied with business sessions, while afternoons will be given over to department conferences.

Among important business slated for consideration at the Fresno meeting is that of redistricting the state, and this is a matter for immediate and serious consideration in the individual clubs in order that presidents and delegates may intelligently represent their associates at home.

Another matter on which Mrs. Orr will ask the vote of the delegate body is committee-reconstruction. Mrs. Orr believes the present number of committees is unwieldy, and that seven can be made to do the work of twenty. The proposed list includes conservation, civics, civil service reform, home

economics, social and industrial conditions with education, the latter to be divided into two sub-committees, the one covering music, art, literature, history and landmarks, and peace, for the adult, and physical well being, constructive legislation, with industrial, physical and vocational training, for the youth.

These and other matters will appear on the official call.

In her federated woman's clubs, California possesses the one great power against which nothing evil shall be able to stand—the white light of publicity. The organized womanhood of San Francisco turned the spotlight of disapproval on Police Judge Charles Weller, starting a petition for his recall, and the "story" was immediately flashed from ocean to ocean. Reducing from \$3000 to \$1000 the bail of a man held by Judge Shortall is the charge against Judge Weller—bail which the accused paid and then disappeared. What happens to Judge Weller is of relatively small consequence; the incident becomes of supreme significance however, in its relation to federation, and as it emphasizes the power of organization.

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The Psychopathic Parole society has cared for 122 women who have been committed to its care by Lunacy Court at the Los Angeles County Hospital

since January 1, and of these but eight finally had to be sent to Patton for treatment.

Mrs. H. C. Stockwell, with the other members of the committee, are urging the presentation of a bill at this session of the legislature, establishing a special court of lunacy in every city in the state of over 2000 inhabitants.

The Woman's council, representing clubwomen of Sacramento, honored the wives of senators and assemblymen together with visiting clubwomen January 29 with a luncheon of 300 covers spread in the banquet room of Hotel Sacramento. Mrs. J. L. Harbaugh, president of the council, presided, ably fulfilling later the duties of toastmistress.

The local reception committee included Mesdames Clinton L. White, W. H. Prouty, Chauncey Dunn, L. F. Breuner, Louise Gavigan, Frank Krebs, A. C. Hart, M. M. Harding, George McCoy, W. F. Purnell, Frank Duffy, George Lorenz, H. J. Kilgariff, Orrin B. Whipple, Victor L. Short, C. A. Haines, J. T. Greene, C. V. Schneider, L. B. Hinman, George Poorman, J. B. Milne, Minnie Snook, D. A. Lindley, John Campbell, J. A. McKee, J. J. Hanlon, Grove L. Johnson, Charles Adams, A. Nathan, Simon Lubin, D. J.

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The booklet that is to contain the skeleton plans of G. F. W. C. department chairmen for the next eighteen months will be received by February 15, or soon after, and it is Mrs. Pennybacker's earnest wish that the planning of club programs for the coming year may be delayed until program chairmen have had an opportunity to study this outline.

A system of ventilating street cars is meeting with endorsement in various eastern communities. In a system approved by the Chicago board of health, fresh air enters by floor vents and passes over heaters under the seats, so there is no chilly draft to reach passengers. Sixty-five new cars now in process of construction for Washington, D. C., will incorporate this system.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Address delivered by Mrs. J. W. Orr at the Eleventh Annual Meeting of Southern District at Corona

"All my arms this time are simple justice and fair words!"

Our Federation, as an expression of the will of the club woman, is very close to our hearts. To give it form and direction is the task of each administration.

To be representative of the varied interests and pursuits of the clubwoman it must be inclusive, flexible, yet governed by certain accepted standards of

conduct, and with due regard to its national affiliations with the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Every live, growing movement is a national movement. We would lose our significance, standing alone, and lose all recognition which stimulates and inspires us.

Methods of domestic administration may and must vary to meet conditions. Indeed they are as subject to amend-

ment as are our by-laws, and can be determined by resolution, but the purpose and object of this association of clubs is fundamental, and we rest upon it in the pursuit of our individual works and ways.

I have been a close and interested observer of the federation, yet never quite so close, never so interested, as this office with which you have honored me demands.

This year seems to me a critical period—possibly every year in our history has been the same, and the question of adjustment one of anxious thought to the executive.

The attitude of the public toward the organization is one of recognition, and has grown more just and more friendly. The moral force of our work and aims, the strength of argumented numbers, and the new power of the ballot are decisive things which influence the public mind.

The advantages we have gained must not be sacrificed or even jeopardized by any mistaken ambitions. We must confidently expect the future of the federation to be broader, finer, and more efficient.

In a state as large as California, with a federation as strong numerically, and as ambitious and strenuous as ours, we need to carefully consider the relation of the six federation districts to each other and to the state as a unit. Each district has as large a number of clubs as many other state federations. So they are really principalities in themselves, with a full staff of officers and an efficient system of communication and co-operation. Their annual conventions have a program of reports and social entertainment, and cover a varying period of from two to four days.

The underlying idea of district division was to enable the officers to get in close touch with all the clubs, and to bring the clubs into direct contact with federation spirit; to enlist their interest; to establish reciprocity, and foster intimate fellowship.

In the midst of this thronging hive of clubs organized into districts, we

plant the president as the queen bee, to stand for the state. This central executive body of president and officers, elected by the hive at large, must wholly depend upon the *esprit de corps* of its members to carry out any policy.

These six districts, pulling six different ways, could wreck the spirit of the hive, and effectually dispose of the queen bee!

The matter of redistricting so far has not shown much vitality, and the committee appointed to handle the question will make its recommendations at the next annual state meeting.

Too much division fosters a local and circumscribed sphere of interest and acquaintance, places too great a burden on reciprocity, lessens the pull of contrasting interests which is good for the soul, and adds to the cost of administration, which increases each year as the field of work enlarges.

The ethics of the situation seems to be that the districts should foster the spirit of state-wide unity of purposes and work, and in presenting new ideas, methods or measures, to consider the effect upon the state organization in its entirety.

The same thing must be said of recommendations. After you have passed resolutions which amount to a declaration of policy, the question to be addressed to each club is, "What have you done for them or with them?"

I deplore the amendment to our by-laws adopted at the Long Beach convention which says, "clubs are in no way committed to work for measures voted for at state or district conventions," and I sincerely urge you to think upon what this means—it is a practical nullification of the action of the convention, which is the action of a delegated body.

We face the fact of political equality, and its corollary, political power—we must think straight, discuss freely and impersonally, arrive at conclusions, decide upon a course of action, and adhere to the program even to success or possible defeat.

This is what the ballot has imposed upon the California federation. We

must resolve upon measures not men, upon principles not parties, upon moral issues rather than material interests.

We must realize that the federation has assumed a tremendously important place in our state. We have but lately entered into "the larger life and liberty of tomorrows," and our sole aim is to help all men and women "to a fairer and lovelier living."

We who are at any one moment intrusted with office, who would maintain the federation as a controlling power in society, must emphasize the central idea of unity; must urge that stronger club centers strengthen and sustain the weaker sections, and that co-operation shall be a fact not a figure of speech.

One would indeed be poor in spirit who failed to appreciate the ability, the thoroughness, and one might almost say the consecration of the club women of this country, who by their efforts, intelligence and enterprise, unify and dignify the federation program.

We have a powerful adjunct to success in the printed word, and this ave-

nue of dissemination is yearly being extended and growing more dependable, but this easy access to the columns of the daily press and to the magazines, exacts the watchful regard of our members, that the "public mention" of our acts or attitudes shall fittingly and seriously place us as a social force, and not simply as a social function.

In conclusion then, the situation is something like this: The California federation takes first place among the state organizations of women; it assumes the serious obligation of using and directing the moral influence, the impress of numbers, the weight of thorough organization, the accumulated wisdom of years, to determine certain public questions, policies, or movements. This demands on our part, as members of this body, the personal obligation of service—a fellowship of service—an intelligent survey of the near future, so we may stretch our vision, and reach forth our hands to lay instant hold on the things, the questions, which in themselves take a passionate hold upon the earnest woman.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING.

The first state board meeting to be held in Southern California during the present club year, was that of January 18, at Ebell club house, Mrs. Orr, state president, presiding.

Members present were: Mrs. J. W. Orr, Mrs. R. J. Waters, Mrs. Calvin Hartwell, Mrs. Foster Elliot, Mrs. W. C. Mushet, Mrs. C. F. Edson, Mrs. Henry E. De Nyse, Mrs. Ella Westland, and Miss Annie Bock. Mrs. O. Shepherd Barnum, chairman of education of the General Federation, was at the afternoon meeting.

Mrs. Orr outlined a plan for the program of the state convention, which is to open in Fresno, April 29, suggesting among other items, that fifty minutes be allowed each chairman to be filled at will, either by herself, her district chairman, or outside speakers. She also recommended attending

strictly to business until Friday evening, May 2, and setting aside Saturday as a real play day.

SAN JOAQUIN.

The state board and San Joaquin district board, C. F. W. C., met in joint session, January 13, at the Parlor Lecture clubhouse, Fresno, Mrs. James W. Orr, presiding. Reports of chairmen were heard. Among the plans outlined was one for the restoration of the missions, which is to be undertaken by the history and landmarks department of the Parlor Lecture club. Under the heading of household economics, Mrs. Orr made some interesting remarks on "balanced rations."

Luncheon was served at the Fresno hotel at noon, those seated at the table being Mrs. J. W. Orr and Mrs. E. D. Knight, guests of honor, Mrs. S. L. Wiley, Mrs. F. A. McMahon, Mrs. S.

L. Platt, Mrs. George Taylor, Miss Lucy Hatch, Mrs. J. Hoxie, Mrs. Neely, Miss Francis Dean, Mrs. J. R. Austin, Miss Julia Sayre, Mrs. J. S. Jones, Mrs. J. Ed. Hughes, Mrs. H. C. Warner, Mrs. John Fairweather, Mrs. Robert Hargrave, Mrs. J. E. F. Edwards, Mrs. George L. Warlow, Mrs. Will Rowe, Mrs. S. S. Hockett, Mrs. A. J. Rudy and Miss Jenny Dore.

At 2 p. m. business was resumed and plans for the coming state convention to be held at Modesto were discussed at length. The local board of managers elected was: Mrs. George Taylor, chairman; Mrs. A. B. Armstrong, vice-chairman; Mrs. S. S. Hockett, treasurer; Mrs. H. W. Neely, secretary.

A reception was held the afternoon of January 11 at the home of Mrs. S. L. Wiley, district president, in honor of Mrs. Orr. Mrs. Wiley was assisted by resident members of the state board and chairmen of the district board.

SAN FRANCISCO.

Two meetings were held in January by the San Francisco district executive board, the chairmen's reports showing great interest in each department throughout the district.

Santa Rosa was officially designated as the place for the district convention in October. The next county council—that of San Francisco county—is to be held early in March at one of the large hotels in San Francisco. Luncheon, presided over by the district president, Mrs. Percy Shuman, will be followed by a program in which a feature will be an open forum for the discussion of current problems. Mrs. E. G. Denniston will be chairman of the day, with the presidents of all San Francisco clubs acting as hostesses.

Vittora Colonna club celebrated its anniversary, January 25, with a breakfast at the St. Francis, under the direction of the president, Dr. Mariana Bertola.

Miss Jennie Partridge, civic chair-

man for San Francisco district, plans a luncheon at Hotel Stewart February 1, for the civic sections of the various clubs, luncheon to be followed by a conference.

LOS ANGELES.

Los Angeles Ebell is planning a reciprocity day for March 3, when president and delegates from each club in the district will be invited to meet state legislators. The occasion is being referred to as "Legislation Day," and it is planned that the all day program shall include not only discussion of measures, methods and routine, but also shall furnish side lights on the personality of committee chairmen and other leaders. An elaborately appointed, formal luncheon is to be served at noon.

Highland Park Ebell will dedicate its handsome new clubhouse the evening of February 4, with a reception for which 500 invitations were issued. The building is in mission style, of white cement with brown trimmings, and aside from lot and furnishings, represents an expenditure of \$10,000. A large auditorium, committee rooms, goodly dining-room and kitchen, combine to make this structure especially adapted for use as a social and civic center, as well as the home of one of the most progressive federated clubs in the state. The auditorium has a seating capacity of five hundred.

At the call of Mrs. W. C. Mushet a joint meeting of the district board and club presidents was held January 21, at Ebell clubhouse, Los Angeles. About sixty clubs were represented. Mrs. R. J. Waters and Mrs. William Baurhyte, with Mrs. O. T. Hurlburt of Chicago, a member of Illinois state board, were special guests at the board luncheon.

At the request of Mrs. Foster Elliott, a call was endorsed, which had been sent out by the national chairman of forestry, Mrs. Emmons Crocker, in which she asked that senators and rep-

representatives to Congress be urged to vote against any bill or bills, or amendments to any bill or bills, which shall aid in the attempt about to be made in Congress to break down the present national system of protecting forests, and against making "Homestead" law obligatory, instead of optional, with the forest service.

The bill for a health certificate for marriage; Senator Lyon's bill for a minimum wage investigating commission; and the "Commonwealth Bill," which provides for a new board of education, were endorsed by the board.

The Santa Barbara Woman's club is one of the growing clubs of the northern part of Los Angeles district. Its modern drama, history and civic sections with Mrs. Jane Carroll Byrd, Mrs. Fig-Holbyn and Miss Grace Southwick as chairmen are proving of special interest to members.

This club has planned, with the coming of spring, to interest school children in beautifying and keeping the city clean and prizes will be given to those making the best vacant lot gardens.

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

You are cordially invited to attend the eleventh annual convention of Northern District, to be held in Oroville, March 12, 13, 14, 1913.

Meetings will be held in the lecture room of public library.

Each club shall be entitled to representation by its president or her ap-

pointee and one delegate. Clubs having a membership of one hundred shall be entitled to the president and two delegates, and one additional delegate for every one hundred members.

Credentials enclosed should be presented in person, March 12 at 1 p. m. to credential committee. No delegate shall represent more than one club. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.

The secretary of each club shall send the names of the delegates and their alternates to the corresponding secretary of the district. Mrs. J. J. C. Fitzgerald, 1518½ N street, Sacramento, at least two weeks before date of meeting.

All club women are cordially invited to be present and take active part in the work except that of voting.

Annual dues of two cents per capita must be paid before the opening of the convention to Mrs. Emily Hoppin, Yolo, Yolo county, district treasurer. Delegates from clubs failing to pay annual dues will not be seated in convention. All districts now except Northern and Los Angeles pay five cents per capita, and these districts will consider the matter of raising dues to five cents per capita at their district convention. Kindly instruct your delegates accordingly.

A local board of managers, of which Mrs. A. F. Jones, 1218 Montgomery street, is president, and Mrs. D. C. McCallum of Oroville, 1206 Montgomery street, secretary, is making arrangements for the entertainment and comfort of delegates and visiting clubwomen, and every effort is being made

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To secure rooms notify Hrs. D. C. McCallum at your earliest possible convenience. Arrangements are being made for an automobile ride through the orange groves of Butte county and the Gold Dredger district.

Every effort is being made by the executive committee to prepare an interesting program. Two fine art exhibits have been loaned the convention through the courtesy of Sanborn & Vale, and Vickery, Atkins & Torrey. Several state officers will speak, and President Ware of Chico normal school will address the convention on "Public Opinion and Public Education." Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Jones will give an interesting lecture on their recent trip around the world on the steamer Cleveland. The ladies of the Monday club will present Shakespeare's "As You

Like It" on the evening of March 14.

Delegates and others attending the convention may secure round trip railway transportation at a rate of one and one-third fare on the following conditions: Fifty tickets must be sold to secure rates over Southern Pacific railroad; Northern Electric railroad and Western Pacific will also give rates.

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Tickets will be on sale from all California points March 2 to 14, certificate returning from March 12 to 19.

Club women are requested to arrive Wednesday morning.

The future of Northern district is bright and it is at our conventions that individual clubs have an opportunity to come in close contact with federation work. Much inspiration is gained by comparing methods. Hoping for a large attendance and a successful convention, I am

Cordially yours,

MRS. GEORGE W. McCOY,

President Northern District C. F. W. C., 2410 K. Street, Sacramento, Cal.

RESUME OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT MEETING

Officers who will serve the Southern district during the term of 1913-14 are:

President—Mrs. Lillian Pray Palmer, San Diego.

Vice-president—Miss Gertrude V. Ried, Cucamonga, San Bernardino county.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Anna Best, Brawley, Imperial county.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. G. W. Bremin, San Diego.

Treasurer—Mrs. F. J. Mueller, Corona, Riverside county.

Auditor—Mrs. Ida Tipton, Anaheim, Orange county.

Members of state committees—

State nominating committee—Dr. Louise Harvey Clarke, Riverside.

State credential committee—Mrs. G. W. Nau, Santa Ana.

State resolutions committee—Mrs. John E. King, Banning.

The eleventh annual convention of Southern district, C. F. W. C., held at Corona January 15, 16 and 17 with the Woman's Improvement club as hostess, was largely attended in spite of the rain, and like the convention of last year told of steady upward growth and broadening of interests.

That Southern district has progressed during the past two years under the inspiring leadership of the retiring president, Mrs. Westland, is readily understood, for hers in fullest measure is charming personality and marked administrative ability. The

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THE MESSAGE OF MUSIC

MME. EMILIA TOJETTI
State Chairman of Music

Music in the California Federation is but a suggestion up to the present time, but its full importance will be recognized later, when the individual clubs shall take up the work seriously.

Due recognition is accorded the splendid work done by the women of Los Angeles district, followed by the other districts in placing a ban on "rag time" in our state.

Music is one of the greatest factors in the uplift of the people. We hear of the "Socialization of Music," "Music-school settlements," high school orchestras, municipal bands, municipal orchestras, people's choruses, concerts for school children, symphony and opera at popular prices, etc. In our day many look upon music as a moral regenerator. There is no doubt that it is the torch that brings new life, because it alone feeds the imagination and uplifts the soul.

Practically, we should have our libraries filled with good music scores—and literature about music.

We should have in clubs music sections to enable us to appreciate music intelligently. A band of true musical enthusiasts will soon create an atmosphere of music in a community.

Classes should be formed for choral singing and for intelligent listening.

Attend concerts, operas, oratorios, as helps to bring about a musical atmosphere. Frown upon rag time melodies and coon songs. Remember that there is a literature of music of men of genius which affords the mind and soul the illumination and joys equal to the best that genius has created in modern languages.

Demand something better in public school music. We are ready for an advance from the worn-out methods of the past. The public school should help to give some real knowledge of music.

Demand a higher class of music in your churches. Bring fine musicians

to your town for concert work. Interest your people and you will soon have no trouble to obtain an audience.

Talk music. Influence parents to have their children study music. Help poor people to obtain pleasure and knowledge of music.

Help raise the standard of music in home and in social life. Create public sentiment for music festivals, high class artists, opera and oratorio. Build up choral societies. Help choirs in churches. Let us do what Germany has done for music and her people.

Let us have music of the best everywhere so that the rich and poor may enjoy it. Let us make it so necessary to our life, that some of our great rich men will turn their fortunes to help communities rear great music conservatories, symphony orchestras, great chorals, which will work side by side with the great universities of learning and great libraries in redeeming the taste of the people for the best.

Can anyone doubt that the great spiritual life of the nation would thus be made more wholesome? It seems to me that the American people are ignoring their birthright. From the union and combination of the different peoples, the possibilities for musical atmosphere are superior to that of any other country in the world. We only need a quickened intelligence, and a direction of the masses for the art of music. Given the impulse, who can say the genius that may be created?

Manners are what vex or soothe, corrupt or purify, exalt or debase, barbarize or refine us, by a constant, steady, uniform, insensible operation like that of the air we breathe.—Burke.

An optimist has been defined as one who takes all the lemons that are handed to him and makes them into lemonade.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM

DR. MINORA E. KIBBE

Chairman Civil Service Reform, Alameda District

After sixteen years of Republican rule, Woodrow Wilson, a Democrat, is to be inaugurated President of the United States. The financial status of several hundred thousand public servants will be affected by this change. Administrative efficiency is in jeopardy. It will rise or fall with the policy of the incoming executive. Advocates of clean politics are keenly observant and renewed interest in Civil Service Reform is stimulated.

Of all reforms of our day, the elimination of the spoils system, with its attendant corruption and expense, and the establishment of an efficient merit system in Civil Service, is nearest the heart of the people. The early distrust amounting at times to antagonism at first shown to this governmental experiment, has been followed by an abiding optimism. The old cry of "to the victor belongs the spoils," is being displaced slowly and surely by the newer one of "efficiency."

The merit system is the new morality, it has been said, placing public good above all else—subordinating love of party to love of country. It is the fundamental reform, in that it directly touches the citizen through health supervision, police supervision, on through its departments of public works, labor, schools and libraries.

The day is fast approaching when we shall look back with some degree of amusement at the absurdity of a municipality choosing its engineer because he was a good Democrat, or its health officer because of his qualification as a Republican.

The success of grafters and boodlers in America depends on their control of appointments, which enables them to mobilize a subservient army of office-holders. Until the important heads of departments are chosen solely for ability, competence and honesty, no satisfactory administration can be se-

cured. If freed from political interference or influence, heads of departments may fearlessly award or enforce contracts.

Many positions now exempted from Civil Service receive appointments through the interest of the very concerns to be controlled or inspected.

Graft disease spreads by misuse of office and contracts. Some one has called Civil Service Reform the anti-toxin of graft.

President Taft is to be commended for his recommendation that all national offices, outside of cabinet and elective offices, be filled on the merit system.

As civil service becomes more standardized, examinations grow more practical, relating definitely to the class of work to be performed. As the system becomes more sincere and firmly rooted, an increasing number of applicants present themselves, making it possible to secure a higher standard of service.

Competitive examinations are now held generally for appointees to the departments of health, engineering, police fire, library, as well as for appointees to the clerical force, and skilled and unskilled laborers. The ultimate idea is that all appointive offices shall be under civil service rules. Tests are mental and physical, with character investigations. Education, experience and training are all taken into account and a six months' period of probation further safeguard efficiency under some commissions.

Promotion is made on merit only, without discrimination for political service or contribution. Efficiency records are kept of employees both as to quantity and quality of work, punctuality, executive ability, and capacity of initiation and credit for seniority.

Among the factors that nullify Civil Service where it is a farce, are constant pressure of corrupt political influence,

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT PLANS

MRS. O. SHEPARD BARNUM

Department Chairman G. F. W. C.

The new work of the education department for the biennial period of 1912-1914 is of vital and absorbing interest. The re-adjustment of departments and committees which was recommended by Mrs. Moore at the convention at San Francisco, has been actually begun in this department by the organization of committees on peace and political science. Concerning the last, Miss Boswell writes:

"Interest in the intent and scope of this committee is tremendous, and has demonstrated already the wisdom of its creation as a part of the serious work of the general federation."

The new work directly for schols and school children is that of promoting vocational training and guidance. It was chosen because immediate help is needed in every community if we would prevent or rather check individual wreckage and social waste—physical, moral, industrial. The safety and livelihood of millions of children depend on swift measures of relief and wise provision. Social and industrial problems are coming with crushing force upon the public schools, in consequence, public attention and criticism are being concentrated on them as never before. In this time of trial, our clubs should unfliningly continue their friendly assistance, and greatly increase it in efficiency and extent. While it is safe to assume that the children of your community are not getting from your schools the training they require to meet the living conditions of today, it is also safe to assume that your teachers are doing all that they can and more than they should without your help—without the immediate help of the organized women of your community.

During the coming two years, in this crisis of educational and industrial conditions, the education department urges the chairman of education in each state federation to assist all clubs in taking the following steps:

Maintain an active education committee.

Look into the needs of the local schools, beginning with the nearest. Learn the comparative condition of your schools, in bulletin 124 of the educational division of the Russell Sage Foundation. Help to raise it by helping secure more funds, suitable buildings, trained teachers, modern equipment, especially in manual and industrial training.

Urge incoming chairmen to carry forward work previously undertaken by clubs, with consecutive, cumulative effort until the results actually materialize in the school room. Too often glorious promise stops with club program, or public agitation, or school improvement partly accomplished.

Have study department and programs of peace. (See peace committee outline).

Have study department and programs on political science. (See political science committee outline).

Send official communications to the presidents of the Normal schools of the state, expressing anxious interest in the instruction of teachers in sex hygiene. (See Mrs. Barry's committee outline).

Promote vocational training and guidance in every possible way. (See Mrs. Barne's committee outline).

Include in the club's "public affairs" programs live talks on school problems: (a) Local, by local school authorities; (b) state and national, by national experts when possible.

Follow the course of the Page-Wilson bill, "Providing Federal Aid for vocational education preparing boys and girls for the duties of the house, the shop, and the farm." It is known as Senate Bill No. 3, and H. R. Bill No. 23581.

Co-operate with the state joint committee of the department of school patrons of the N. E. A., by which the federation and other organizations unite

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends:

Almost each day the mail brings appeals for help in legislative matters—both state and national federations are prone to pledge aid to numerous bills. Would it not be better were we to focus our efforts upon two or three important pieces of work and push these to a successful completion? I have received letters from men who stand high in the councils of the nation, men who are most earnestly in sympathy with the whole forward movement of women, who say, "How unfortunate that you women weaken your influence by asking for so many different matters at the same time; if you would come before congress requesting two or three bills, they would be almost invariably carried into effect; but when senators and representatives are spasmodically deluged with letters on from eight to fourteen different topics you cannot wonder that they grow a bit tired and are prone to ask, 'How can we satisfy our women

constituents when they demand so much?'"

Unfortunately, resolutions are generally reported at both state and general meetings during the last hours when everyone is tired and feverishly impatient for adjournment. We pledge ourselves to vast undertakings with no discussion, with no realization of the burden we are placing upon the administration. Would that we could awaken to the absolute necessity of 'resolving' slowly, and of knowing what each resolution means. In this connection an important subject is suggested for discussion at the council; "How may we obtain continuity of effort until an achievement is actually brought about?" For instance, a department starts a piece of work; the federation realizes that it is necessary; after two years comes a change in administration; perhaps an entirely new chairman appears; perhaps those interested in the work begun have passed out of official life; the work almost

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completed is allowed to lapse and new tasks are begun. You see at once the wasted effort and the lack of what would be gratifying results I hope you will discuss this matter in your spring meetings and come to Washington April 21, prepared to aid us in solving the problem.

Ever cordially yours,
Anna J. H. Pennybacker.

THE COUNCIL.

The Council committee, composed of Mrs. William E. Andrews, general chairman, of Washington, Mrs. A. L. Christie, chairman of publicity, of Butte, Montana and Mrs. Eugene Reilley, chairman of program, of Charlotte, N. C., has been busily engaged since October, planning for the meeting of the Council in Washington, D. C., the twenty-second, twenty-third and twenty-fourth of April.

Concerning this event, where business of vital importance to the federated clubs is to be transacted, Mrs. Reilley sends the following communication:

The Council committee, with the president, will hold a meeting March 5 and 6, when the details shall have been decided. In the meantime we are privileged to give to the clubwomen only such general information as we have at our command, and a very urgent invitation for every clubwoman in the land to attend the council. It is not necessary that you should be elected by your club or state, or that you should bring credentials. We need your counsel and the inspiration of your presence to make it the brilliant success we desire the first official gathering to be, under the capable leadership of our new administration.

The first gathering will be at the National Museum auditorium, the night of April 21, when addresses of welcome will be made by representative clubwomen, with a response from our president, Mrs. Pennybacker, and an address by the most distinguished speaker who can be secured.

The morning of April 22, in the as-

sembly room of the Raleigh hotel, which has been designated as headquarters, the first business session will be held. In the afternoon we will hear possibly from two departments, adjourning quite early for conferences. The conference of chairmen and state presidents and secretaries we are trying to feature, as we feel such a policy is vital to development and closer relationship of the parts of our organization.

A reception at the White House we are hoping will materialize for the late afternoon, with an address on art by Hopkinson Smith at the Corcoran art gallery in the evening, followed by a reception and music by the Marine band.

Wednesday morning we shall hear from several departments. We are not intending to have reports from the various departments, but rather interesting expositions of the subjects with full discussion. Themes, old and new, will be presented during the morning.

A trip down the Potomac to historical points, including an hour at Mount Vernon, has been scheduled for the afternoon. A visit to the Congressional library, under the intelligent direction of the Philo-Classic club, has been arranged for Wednesday evening.

As guests of the Maryland Federation, we will spend Thursday in Baltimore, presenting our work in natural progression during the morning hours, with luncheon and probably a visit to Walter's art gallery or other entertainment, as our Maryland friends may see fit.

Thursday evening we may expect to hear a word from Mrs. Pennybacker's official family, and also plans for the Chicago biennial; the local arrangements presented by Mrs. Everett of Illinois, and the program by Mrs. Sneath of Ohio.

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SOCIAL HYGIENE IN THE NORMAL SCHOOL

MAGGIE W. BARRY

Chairman Social Hygiene, G. F. W. C.

At the last biennial convention, the G. F. W. C., and at the July meeting, the patrons' department of the N. E. A., adopted the suggestion contained in the joint report of the vice-chairman of the education department, and the chairman of the school health committee of the department of school patrons, and requested the president of the N. E. A. to appoint a committee to formulate a course of instruction in social hygiene in normal schools.

This was a long step towards the end for which we are working—a specially prepared body of teachers to present this subject in all our schools—but three other things must be done: (a) The committee must be appointed; (b) the course must be formulated; (c) the normals must adopt it.

To accomplish this end, we must keep all parties necessary to this consummation encouraged, stimulated, and active.

Will you help do this?

If you are interested in having this committee appointed, and I feel sure that you are, write to Dr. E. T. Fairchild, president of N. E. A., Topeka, Kansas, and tell him so. It will be encouraging to him to know that there is a strong and active demand for such a committee.

Ask the educational, religious, social, and civic organizations in your state to endorse the action of the G. F. W. C.,

and of the department of the N. E. A. in requesting the appointment of such a committee, and send copies of such endorsement to Dr. Fairchild. Personal letters from presidents of such organizations, presidents of normals, state superintendents of education, state chairman of education, of other committee, and presidents of individual clubs would be most helpful.

Get the endorsement of your own club and community.

Write to the presidents of your own normal schools and ask concerning the courses now being given in this subject.

Help your state chairman wherever she may need you. Report to her what you have done, or plan to do, that she may give help and information to others.

I shall take this opportunity of thanking you for your earnest and efficient help in compiling the report presented to the department of school patrons, and to the biennial. It was largely your co-operation that made the report possible. If the committee can still have your active co-operation in this work, we may confidently hope that in the near future there will be a great constructive force in the normals working for higher physical and moral standards in our race.

Addressed to education chairman and Federated clubs.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

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on state work for schools, with the direct guidance of school authorities, thus gaining unity, continuity, and effective method. (The names and addresses of federation representatives and state chairmen of these joint committees will gladly be sent on application).

Assist in making effective all resolutions of the general federation which

were entrusted to the education department.

Keep a record of all club activities in the above mentioned directions, to be forwarded at the close of the present biennial period and incorporated in the education report.

Great glory would be shed on the federation cause if each club and each state federation this year would equal the record of last year's best.

POLITICAL SCIENCE OUTLINE G. F. W. C.

MISS HELEN VARICK BOSWELL
Chairman Political Science Committee G. F. W. C.

Since the purpose of the establishment of this committee was "Preparation for Citizenship," the consideration of certain subjects that come within the realm of political science will be confined to conditions and development in the United States. Clubs desiring to make a comparative study, and to give some attention to the history of the formation of the constitutions of other countries, can have such a course arranged on application to the chairman.

Because of the several departments now existent in the General Federation, and to prevent in so far as possible an overlapping of effort and study, many topics ordinarily a part of political science are merely touched upon and no detail of outline or reference matter given, as such will be found under other departments and committees. The chairman of this committee will be glad to condense or amplify such suggestions as are herein made, according to the needs of localities and clubs.

Our Government.

National Government—Its General Functions: Bryce, "The American Commonwealth"; Wilson, "Constitutional Government"; Willoughby, "American Constitutional System."

Administrative Branch—The President. The Cabinet: "Butler, "True Democracy—the President and the Nation." Current Messages of Presidents. Reports of heads of cabinet departments, which may be had on application to said departments.

Legislative Branch—Congress: The Senate. The House of representatives, Reports of debates, resolutions, hearings before Congressional Committees (many of which are sent to club women) all of which may be had on application.

Judicial Branch—The Supreme Court. Federal Courts. Row, "The Judicial Oligarchy"; Goodenow, "Social Reform and the Constitution." Press and current magazine articles on decisions of the Supreme Court.

National Bureaus—These, coming under the cabinet departments, have been a wonderful creation of our national development, but the work of the bureau of education, bureau of mines, of immigration, of Highways, children's bureau, agricultural schools, etc., is fully dealt with by our General Federation departments. However, it will do no harm to reiterate that the reports of all these bureaus for study and reference.

Delegate Bodies—The National committees of the several political parties. Party organization, party platform. These should be obtained from the national committee chairman of each party, and studied closely. The House of Governors. Reports of the meeting of the governors should be obtained and read.

State Government.

Functions of Governors—Woodrow Wilson, "The State."

State Legislatures—Upper and Lower Houses. Checks and balances in the Legislature. The course of a legislative measure before enactment.

Copies of legislative bills can of course be obtained from the different committees of the Legislature, and much valuable material for study along this line may be secured from the American Labor Legislation association.

Departments of State Activity Administrations—The work of most of these departments, health, labor, highways, immigration, education, conservation, correction, etc., is covered by other committees of the federation.

Special Subjects of State Legislation—Child labor, prison labor, welfare conditions generally will be studied under the industrial department. Tuberculosis under health department. In addition to these which are of much interest to club women, we have: Agricultural co-operative credits, now being agitated in the several states, and of interest to both urban and rural clubs.

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FIRST LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM C. F. W. C.

Mrs. George Edward Swan, State Chairman of Legislation

"If ever the time comes when women shall come together simply and purely for the good and benefit of mankind, it will be a power such as the world has never dreamed."—Matthew Arnold.

EDUCATE -- AGITATE -- LEGISLATE

State:

Health Certificate for Marriage.
Joint Guardianship.
Community Property.
Compensation for Mothers.
Maternity Homes.
Psychopathic Parole Societies.
Minimum Wage for Women.
State Registration of Nurses.
Women's Building at State Fair.
Iowa Injunction and Abatement Act.
State Training Schools for Girls.
Raising Girls' Majority to 21.
Ethical, Vocational and Hygienic
Training in Public Schools.

Tuberculin Test for Dairies.

To Compel Fathers to Support Illegitimate Children.

To Enforce Laws for the Protection of Children.

Conservation.

Civil Service Reform.

Federal:

Uniform Marriage and Divorce Laws.

Conservation of Womanhood, Childhood, Home.

Employers' Liability and Workman's Compensation Act.

Peace Measures.

Know that the attitude of your senators and representatives toward these measures is positively friendly!

Study them in your clubs!

Publish them in your local paper!

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

When this number of the Club Woman is issued, it will be in the middle of the recess separating the two sessions of the Legislature of 1913.

Already the different clubs will have received circulars telling of the legislative work of the first session, the present status of our federation bills, and what is to be done by the different clubs, individually and collectively.

C. F. W. C. has provided comfortable headquarters for all visiting women at Hotel Sacramento, just one block from the capitol—a sunshiny room on the mezzanine floor, fitted up with desk, tables and good chairs, plenty of newspapers and good stationery which has proved attractive and restful. Occasional meetings of the Women's Legislative Councils of California were held there, and always plenty of informal discussions went on among the visitors. C. F. W. C. having been hostess for the first session, and demon-

strated the needs and advisability of such a center where women may meet and talk over legislative matters in which all are so greatly interested, the other affiliated societies of the Legislative Council have signified their intention to continue the headquarters at the next session.

Mrs. Swan was in charge during the first month, and reports a goodly number of visitors. The first to register was Mrs. Florence Collins Porter, who came up from the south to cast her electoral vote, the first ever cast by a woman in this state. All the federation measures are presented, and all ready for the careful watching and vigorous championing of their friends at the next session. Mrs. Charles Farwell Edson has a fine bill for the health certificate for marriage. Mrs. Hertz' bill for joint guardianship, and all the others have gone through the first processes of presentation, printing and

being referred to the appropriate committee. We may rejoice that this much is done; but we must remember the real fight is on at the next session.

There is a splendid body of men in both Senate and Assembly: men intensely in earnest, and anxious to learn the pros and cons of all measures that they may weigh them conscientiously, and vote accordingly. One is surprised at the youthful faces to be seen on all sides, good strong faces, with plenty of promise of sturdy statesmanship. Senator Grant of San Francisco, who presented the Iowa injunction and abatement act for the W. C. T. U., is very young, but doing a man's part with a man's courage and enthusiasm. The women have found courtesy and helpfulness everywhere, but not one has expressed any desire to become a real legislator. Most of them having

found it hard, wearisome work watching the different entrance stages of their special bills. It is new and unusual work for women; but because it is necessary and right, it will be done by them with genuine enthusiasm sufficient for the strain.

Let the club women at home send words of encouragement to those at the front, acting as a watch and working committee at Sacramento. Let us all work together to make this a memorable year, because of the progressive measures made permanent by enactment into laws.

"Wisdom is knowing what to do,

Knowledge is knowing how to do it,

Virtue is doing it."

Help us to realize this trinity of preparations for the women's legislative work in California in this year of promise and fulfillment, 1913.

ORGANIZATION OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, G. F. W. C.

The education department has plans of work for the biennial period of 1912-1914 that look toward the future in method as well as in material.

In method of organization this department has actually put in practice a part of the plan of readjustment of departments and committees which was recommended by the president at the last biennial convention. (This plan is given on pages 72 and 73 of the official report). As departments, the following are recommended: Civics, conservation, education, industrial and social conditions, civil service reform, legislation. Within the department of education the following committees are recommended: Youth, school system, curriculum, (industrial and moral education), scholarship and higher education, physical well-being, (medical inspection, playgrounds, physical training, lunches).

Adults: Art study and traveling galleries, literature and drama, libraries, peace, political science.

Of these seven recommended commit-

tees, the education department already has four. For youth, under curriculum, vocational training and guidance; (under scholarship should be mentioned the English scholarship for graduate work abroad); under physical well-being, the preparation of teachers in sex hygiene. For adults, the two committees of peace and political science. The education committees of state federation are doing much under all four "For Youth": School system, curriculum, scholarships, and physical well-being. See summary of state reports.

The authorization of these committees is indicated in the resolutions adapted by the general federation at San Francisco. The success of the experiment is assured by the very names of the well-known club leaders who have consented to take the chairmanship of these committees:

Peace Committee — Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles, chairman; Mrs. W. D. Atkinson, 1605 Broadway, Parsons Kansas; Mrs. J. E. Church, 358 Washington street, Reno, Nevada; Mrs

Stanley Plummer, Dexter, Maine; Mrs. H. C. White, 624 S. Milledge avenue, Athens, Georgia.

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Committee on Vocational Training and Guidance—Mrs. C. P. Barnes, chairman; Mrs. Isabella T. Churchill, Greeley, Colorado; Miss Una B. Herrick, Agricultural College, Bozeman, Montana; Miss Annie Laws, 2927 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Chas. Henderson, Troy, Alabama.

POLITICAL SCIENCE OUTLINE

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Pamphlets on this subject can be obtained from the Southern Commercial Congress, Southern Building, Washington, D. C.

Woman Suffrage—This subject may be said to be national, also, but is put under state government, because so far the franchise has been given to women in this country by states. All material necessary for the study of this pressing problem may be obtained from the National Woman Suffrage association, New York City, and from the national association opposed to the extension of suffrage to women, New York. This committee will furnish a course of study and reference on this topic upon request. From the point of view of the suffragists, we have in hand a leaflet entitled, "A Mother's Sphere" prepared

by a member of the committee, Mrs. Desha Breckinridge.

Townships and Counties—There is little in the way of specific literature on this subject and it must be studied as one gets it from books which include all the systems, such as Bryce's "American Commonwealth," Fiske's "Civil Government," etc. There is an illuminating article on "The County Problem" in the Review of Reviews for November, 1912.

Municipal Government.

Its Nature and Problems—Goednow's "Municipal Government." Clubs in cities can have committee investigation and study of this tremendous subject at close range, each committee getting in touch with and thoroughly studying a certain city department, then bringing the result to the whole club. The heads of city departments will be found ready to afford every opportunity for such study, as a rule. Resolutions and city ordinances as passed by the board of aldermen or other governing body can be obtained from said body.

Clubs wishing to go more exhaustively into the study of our monetary system, taxation, tariff, postal service, many branches that come under political science, can write to the chairman for detailed suggestions.

In addition to such books as are mentioned in the foregoing, the chairman would state that she can furnish on application a bibliography ranging from Aristotle on "Politics" to Walter Weyl on the "New Democracy." She will say that for lighter reading which in a measure covers in pleasant narrative form many points of our national development and political science generally, she would recommend a reading of "The Hoosier Chronicle" by Nicholson, and "Queed," by Harrison.

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CIVIL SERVICE REFORM*(Continued from page 17)*

and arbitrary re-rating of examination papers.

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The establishment of the Bureau of Municipal Research has been of great assistance to the various commissions. The election by popular vote rather than by partisan vote is another step in the right direction.

To establish and enforce the test of merit and fitness, determined by a competent expert, as a sole means of ob-

taining public employment, is to offer equal opportunity to all citizens and in a large part to prevent or destroy the corruption and mismanagement attending the boss system.

Civil Service Reform does not stop at supervision of the individual. It sees to it that departments are also efficient. It unifies, correlates, systematizes and adjusts the various administrative offices. In a word it is the cerebellum of the body politic, co-ordinating administrative functions.

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In order to make room for committee outlines this month in the Education department, G. F. W. C., it is necessary to cut reports of the district chairmen. In this, however, The Club Woman hopes for indulgence from its readers, who in this way are in possession of these committee outlines almost as soon as they have left the hands of the department chairman, Mrs. O. Shepard Barnum. The peace outline, Mrs. J. Evans Cowles, chairman, appeared in these columns last month. Mrs. Barnes' outline of the work planned by the committee on vocational training may be anticipated in the February issue.

THE GOAL.

Let us therefore boldly face the life of strife, resolute to do our duty well and manfully; resolute to uphold righteousness by deed and word; resolute to be both honest and brave, to serve high ideals, yet to use practical methods.

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executive office will lose none of its present dignity, however, in the capable hands of Mrs. Palmer, who is equipped not only with intimate knowledge gained through general club work and service on the district executive board but also as a pioneer in county federation—county work is one of Mrs. Palmer's enthusiasms, and it is largely due to her efforts that three out of the five counties in Southern district are thus organized. San Diego county clubs federated in 1897.

Mrs. Westland in her closing address advocated county federation, and redistricting the state. Paying the way of president and delegates to conventions was urged in clubs where it is possible, the speaker asserting, "all you put into federation is returned to you again with interest."

A delightful feature of the three days session was Corona's overflowing hospitality, the delegate body of sixty and many visitors being met at the train with automobiles, and entertained in private homes. Musical numbers were a part of each program and at the close of the afternoon sessions tea or cholate was served informally. Thursday

evening brought a reception with musical and dramatic entertainment, in compliment to state and district officers, for which Mrs. W. H. Jameson extended the courtesy of her home.

An interested and honored visitor during the proceedings was Mrs. J. W. Orr, state president, whose address on "Federation, Its Province, Its Promise, Its Persistence," is reprinted in *The Club Woman* by request of the convention, appearing as "The President's Message."

Other state officers in attendance at one or all of the meetings included Mrs. Calvin Hartwell, Mrs. Charles Farwell Edson, Mrs. William Baurhyte, Miss Annie Bock, Prof. Ednah A. Rich, Mrs. W. C. Mushet brought greetings from Los Angeles district. From far-off Nome came Mrs. G. M. Gibson, representing Kegoayah Kozga, the Dawn club. Mrs. Helen P. Sanborn of San Francisco, president of the woman's board of the Panama-Pacific exposition, presented tentative plans for that event.

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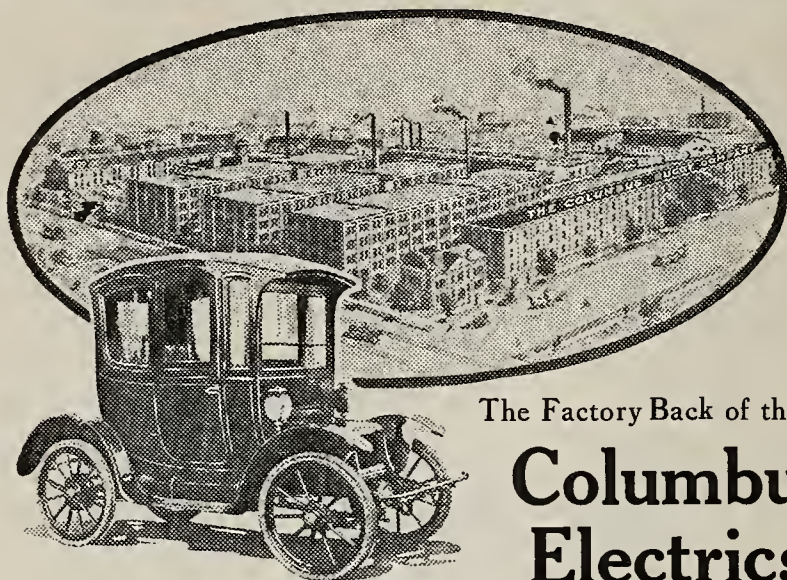
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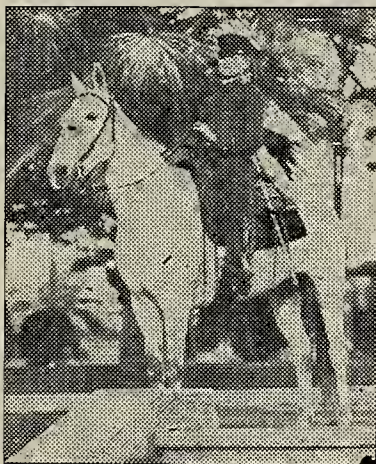
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MRS. WILLIAM C. MUSHET
President Los Angeles District

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General and State Federation news published in The Clubwoman is official. Communications intended for either department must reach the editor by the first day of each month in order to insure publication in the next issue of the magazine.

Call for the Twelfth Annual Convention of the Los Angeles District, California Federation of Women's Clubs

The twelfth annual convention of Los Angeles district will be held at Monrovia, March 26, 27, 28.

Through the courtesy of the Monrovia Women's club the sessions will be held at their clubhouse, and will open at ten o'clock Wednesday morning with a presidents' council.

The convention will be called to order promptly at one-thirty in the afternoon.

In accordance with the notice already forwarded you, dues of five cents per member must be sent to the treasurer of the district, Mrs. Homer J. Ridle, San Luis Obispo, Cal., before credentials are forwarded. Credentials should be presented in person, duly signed by president and secretary of club, on first day of convention.

The secretary of each club shall send the names of the delegates and their alternates from the club to the corresponding secretary of the district. Mrs. G. O. Brewer, 658 South Chicago street, Los Angeles, on or before March 12, 1913.

Clubs having a membership of one hundred shall be represented by the president and one delegate, and one additional delegate for every one hundred members.

The Monrovia Women's club is plan-

ning not only for the comfort and convenience of the convention, but is arranging for many pleasant social features.

Hotel accommodations can be secured at Hotel Seven Oaks, Monrovia, for three dollars per day (two in a room) or at La Vista Grande, two dollars per day, two in a room. Both hotels are on the American plan and are conveniently near the clubhouse.

The program committee is preparing an unusually attractive and helpful program which we hope will be ready for publication early in March.

The executive board earnestly desires the club presidents to arouse an interest in this convention, which shall assure the full representation of every club to the end that each club in the district may reap a full harvest of inspiration, of help and of good fellowship.

All resolutions must be sent to the chairman of resolutions committee, Mrs. Morgan Jones, 2063 Milan avenue, South Pasadena.

Per order of executive board.

Mrs. William C. Mushet,
President.

Mrs. Harry J. Slater,
Recording Secretary.

FOREWORD

MRS. W. C. MUSHET

The annual convention of Los Angeles district is at hand, and Monrovia is the mecca toward which our faces are set, for the convention habit is not lost, thanks to the state and general conventions, which have occurred during the past year and a half.

The club world desires information about the various activities of the year in Los Angeles district, the work accomplished, methods employed, and how best results were obtained. Since a new status of women has developed and legislative and reform movements have become an important part of club work, the demand goes forth that the subject, "Legislation," be put upon the program of the convention. "Civics," too, and "Social and Industrial Conditions," the last department to be added to the list of federation subjects, will be brought up in a practical manner by women who will speak from personal experiences.

Reports from club presidents are generally heard at conventions, but Los Angeles district with its one hundred organizations will be unable to follow

this plan. Of course district chairmen will report, and what they have to tell will constitute the history of the clubs.

"Department Conferences" or "Round Tables" having received a special impetus during the year, will not be neglected at our convention. We look forward to having with us not only our state president, Mrs. Orr, but many state chairmen, who will speak along their special lines of work.

It is the desire of the program committee to make this meeting most valuable to all visitors. As you know, the convention is not for presidents and delegates alone; they are the voting body; but it is for all club women, and they are most cordially invited to attend as many of the sessions as possible, that they may receive from the reports of workers, from discussions at conferences, or from addresses, that which will prove to be a benefit both to themselves and to their clubs.

Remember that the personal equation is a stimulating element and do not forget the dates are March 26, 27 and 28, 1913!

 OPPORTUNITY.

' (An Answer to Ingalls' Poem on Opportunity.)

They do me wrong who say I come no more,

When once I knock and fail to find you in;

For every day I stand outside your door,

And bid you wake, and ride to fight and win.

Wail not for precious chances passed away,

Weep not for golden ages on the wane!

Each night I burn the records of the day;

At sunrise every soul is born again.

Laugh like a boy at the splendors that have sped,

To vanished joys be blind and deaf and dumb;

My judgments seal the past dead with its dead,

But never bind a moment yet to come.

Though deep in mire, wring not your hands and weep!

I lend my arm to all who say, "I can."

No shamefaced outcast ever sank so deep

But yet might rise and be again a man.

—WALTER MALONE.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The turn of the year is upon us. In retrospect the many years of our associate life, define, reveal and augment the spiritual value and relation of organization to obligation; in our mutual promise of fellowship, and the obligation that society imposes on our federation, "unites in habit, function and eration, which "unites in habit, function and sympathy" the clubwomen of this state.

The district conventions now succeeding each other in rapid order lead up to the annual state convention, an

occasion which summarizes the totality of achievement according to an arbitrary time schedule that enables us to measure progress by calendar dates.

The local committee of arrangements in Fresno has Mrs. George H. Taylor as its efficient chairman. Mrs. S. L. Wiley, the resident district president, is in active conference with the Fresno ladies who have entered upon their duties with great enthusiasm.

The program will be arranged to give ample time to chairmen of departments to present their subjects in detail.

These leaders always get vitally interested in their work and they burn to create the same enthusiasm in the rank and file. Exclusive of official reports, each important department will be given prominence at the afternoon conferences. It is desirable that the word "conference" be defined to mean an opportunity for questions from the floor.

The report of the committees on "Endowment" and "Redistricting" will be discussed on the floor of the convention.

The plan of "Reorganization of standing committees" will be presented at the joint conference of presidents and delegates. If found desirable, action can be taken by the convention.

The credential committee will adopt the method used by the general federation. Presidents of clubs will send names of elected delegates and alternates directly to the chairman, Mrs. George Probasco, Burlingame. The duties of the corresponding secretary both before and at the convention are too various and arduous to impose upon her the verification of credentials list.

Mrs. Calvin Hartwell, 411 Summit avenue, Pasadena, is chairman of the committee on resolutions. All resolutions must have the endorsement of the clubs presenting them, and it is advisable that all resolutions be in the hands

of the committee at the close of the second day of the convention.

Mrs. John Conant Lynch, 1845 University avenue, Berkeley, is chairman of nominating committee. Districts should now consider their claim to the offices and instruct their member of this committee.

The incumbent district presidents are requested to bring a list of names, for the consideration of the incoming administration, of women eligible by virtue of their work and experience to leadership in the departments.

Reciprocity meetings and conferences are now the order of the day, during this interim of the legislative session, where proposed and prospective measures are under discussion.

This is one of the fruits of effective organization; also the opportunity to find the value that lies in co-operation between organizations of kindred aims. We have not yet learned that the essence of political success lies in compromise. The clubwomen can show a stimulating aggregate of numbers; this fact plus the power of publicity, and the strength of co-operation can influence and create public opinion, which ultimately decides the fate of men and measures.

Cordially yours,
Mrs. James W. Orr.

DISTRICT NEWS

SOUTHERN

It is remarkable how many organizations have recently built club houses. La Mesa club is rejoicing over a new home, which was opened to the public January 20, when over 200 called to inspect the attractive little gray concrete house.

It is said that the Calexico Woman's Improvement club is always doing things, and perhaps one of its greatest accomplishments was the enrollment of twenty-six members at a recent meeting.

Two delightful programs were given at the Olivewood club of National City

during the past month. On the afternoon of February 11 the art department had charge of the program and papers on "Davenport, the Cartoonist, and his Work," "The Sculptors of California and the San Francisco Artists," "The Life and Work of William Kieth" and "Art in the Public Schools and Its Influence," were read.

The second session, February 25, was devoted to "Music" and "Civics."

Saturday afternoon, February 22, over 300 members of the Ebell society of Santa Ana gathered at the clubhouse to bid farewell to the retiring president, Mrs. J. W. Bishop, and wel-

come Mrs. Samuel Nau, who was to be the new presiding officer.

The Pacific Beach Riding club held an interesting open meeting, February 13, when the new president of Southern district, Mrs. Lillian Pray Palmer, spoke on the proposed amendments. Mrs. Lord, field secretary of the "After School Club of America," gave an account of the work of that organization.

"Art and Travel" was the subject of the program for February 5 at the Woman's club of Rialto. After the reading of a "Travel" letter, Mr. James McBurney of Los Angeles spoke on "Art." Mrs. Miguel Estudillo talked on "Masterpieces." The program closed with a violin solo by Leon Lockwood.

The Mother's club of San Diego is rejoicing over the fact that two of its number were chosen at the recent convention to hold high offices in the district federation. Mrs. Lillian Pray Palmer was made president and Mrs. Elsie Brem corresponding secretary.

Several "Reciprocity Days" were held in the district during February. The first, February first, was given by the Ebell Society of Anaheim. Eleven clubs were represented. Among the papers read was an excellent one by Mrs. Hattie Spencer who set forth plainly the great value and need of "Reciprocity," the keynote of which is found in the word giving; "the returning following as the night the day."

"The leavening power of this need of reciprocity was felt by the clubs of Orange county and found expression in the organization of a county association some weeks ago, and when every club in Orange county feels a personal interest in every other club in the county, then reciprocity in its true sense will be established," she said.

Mrs. Porter of East Newport also read an interesting paper on "Great Men Born in February." It was voted that it be sent to the state reciprocity bureau.

A "Reciprocity Day" was held February 28 by the Woman's club of Up-land and to it were invited the presi-

dent and chairman of health and household economics of each club in the district. The subject for the day was "Health and Household Economics." Dr. Burke, of Redlands, presented a paper on "Prevention of Disease—the New Medicine." Following luncheon Mrs. Homer Lash, of Rialto, talked on "Every Day Housekeeping."

The Wednesday Morning club of Riverside has been enjoying its usual interesting programs. February 26 Miss Hazel Smith read a paper on "The Life of Wagner" and one on "Modern Philanthropy" was given by Mrs. Francis Deutch.

SAN JOAQUIN

Monday, February 3, a meeting of the San Joaquin district board was held at the Parlor Lecture clubhouse, Fresno. Reports concerning the district convention at Modesto were heard and plans for the state convention to be held in Fresno were discussed and certain committees named. The Parlor Lecture Clubhouse association offered the use of its building for one week. It was announced that Hotel Fresno would be headquarters for state executives. "Raisin Day," which will occur on April 30, will be the occasion for a big celebration. The chamber of commerce will provide a thousand cartons of the finest raisins, which will be distributed among visiting clubwomen. In the evening a large public reception will be held, the Parlor Lecture club acting as hostess.

The literary department of the Parlor Lecture club, under the leadership of the chairman, Mrs. C. F. Reilly, assisted by the musical department, provided an interesting evening for club members and friends Thursday, February 4.

A dramatic reading of "The Victor" by Miss Julia Harris, fancy dancing by Miss Edna Rowe, a reading from Kipling by Miss Christina Ellithorpe and Hawaiian music, played on native instruments, were a source of much pleasure to all.

The Wednesday club met at the home of Mrs. E. Aber, February 5, to listen to Mrs. W. P. Miller's interpretation of "Paradise Lost." Wednesday, February 12, occurred the annual celebration of this club's twenty-fourth anniversary.

Thursday, February 6, "History and Landmarks Days" was celebrated at the Parlor Lecture club. Rt. Rev. Monsignor McCarthy talked on Father Junipero Serra, the Spanish priest who founded nine of the twenty-one missions in California.

"Cleau-up days," engineered by civic departments of women's clubs, are becoming very popular in California. It is to be hoped that they will not merely prove a fad, but a permanent institution and that the result may be no billboards, old shoes, papers, etc., on corner or back lots; but instead, trees and attractive vegetable and flower gardens made by both grown-ups and children.

The civic section of the Parlor Lecture club, Fresno, at its last meeting at the home of Mrs. W. W. Phillips, arranged for such a day, when all residents will be asked to clean their yards and help make a "city beautiful." This event will take place, it was decided, some time before the state convention of women's club in April. This civic department also planned to plant trees along the state highway as far as the county line.

LOS ANGELES

A conference and luncheon of the state board members, C. F. W. C., was held February 20 at Shakespeare clubhouse, Pasadena, Mrs. Calvin Hartwell presiding. Reports of chairmen were heard.

In discussing the coming Los Angeles district convention, Mrs. Mushet mentioned Mrs. E. G. Sergel, who is to be on the program and who is to relate her successful and enjoyable experience with the thousand or more Sunset telephone girls of whom she has charge. She will be able to tell of satisfactory and agreeable conditions un-

der which they work, of their pay, advancement and means of improvement provided by the company.

Mrs. George Swan, the tireless state chairman of legislation, reported upon her stay in Sacramento and talked of bills pending before the legislature. Personally, she is featuring the "Health Certificate for Marriage" bill. She said of the "Mother's Pension," that it is the most confused bit of legislation before the people today; that the "Community Property" bill is unsatisfactory as presented but that the "Joint Guardianship" bill is such as to suit everyone. She mentioned two other important bills, the "Forestry" bill, in which all citizens should be interested, and the one regulating the sale of opium and cocaine, which is a valuable and timely one and should carry, since it has been found that one out of every fifty is a drug fiend.

It was moved and carried that the conference of the state board heartily approve and endorse the most able and conscientious work of Mrs. Swan at Sacramento.

The Los Angeles district board held its regular monthly meeting February 25, at the Union League, Mrs. W. C. Mushet presiding. There was a good attendance and enthusiastic reports of chairmen of committees were heard, showing that everything from "Art" to "Civics" was on the boom.

Mrs. W. K. Walker, chairman of conservation, stated that her time is taken up working for bills which come under the head of her committee and which are at present pending before the state legislature. These bills are the "Forest Reserve Appropriation" bill and the bill for the "Conservation of Wild Life," the Flint-Cary bill. It was ordered that resolutions endorsing these measures be forwarded to the representatives.

Mrs. J. E. Coleman, chairman of philanthropy, reported that she has been busy visiting eight institutions, in most of which, she was glad to say, she found excellent conditions.

"Reciprocity Days" are continuing to be very popular in Los Angeles district and are proving especially valuable just now as a means of acquainting the women, one with another, before the coming convention at Monrovia. The chairman of reciprocity, Mrs. L. W. Harmon, has assisted greatly in arranging these days.

A very successful and interesting "Reciprocity Day" was held at the new clubhouse of the Azusa Woman's club, February 5. About one hundred attended. Mrs. Hill, the president, introduced the speakers, among whom were Mrs. Gatton, former president, who talked on "The Country and the Flag," Mrs. Calvin Hartwell on "Endowment Fund," Mrs. Harmon on "Reciprocity." Mrs. W. C. Mushet, president of the district, brought greetings. Mrs. J. J. Ayres, Mrs. E. P. Rice, Mrs. Coulter and Miss Annie Bock were also among the speakers.

The Browning club recently held a "Reciprocity Day." The Reciprocity club, too, entertained, inviting the members of the district board as its guests.

Perhaps there has been no larger or more enthusiastic day than that given by the Sierra Madre club early in February, when women from Santa Barbara to Riverside were in attendance and many brilliant speeches were heard.

Highland Park Ebell invited many friends to enjoy a "Reciprocity Day" at its new clubhouse, February 25. Mrs. Andrew Stewart Lobingier was the principal speaker.

Two important "Days" in the future are those to be held at Alhambra club, March 12, and at Ebell club, Los Angeles, March 3.

Prof. Maria Sanford, a remarkable woman and a member of the advisory committee of G. F. W. C., who has been in Los Angeles the past month, has spoken before the Ebell club, the Friday Morning club and the Hollywood Woman's club.

The Pomona Ebell club is much interested in "Civics" and, under the

leadership of Mrs. F. DeWitt Crank, is planning ways and means of improving unsightly spots in the city. It decided also that garbage cans should be placed in certain sections and the public invited to make use of them.

The study of the grand operas to be presented in Los Angeles in March has been claiming the attention of many of the clubs and much of the interest aroused has been due to Mrs. George H. Hutton, district chairman of music.

The Pasadena Shakespeare club has this year enjoyed a special course of musical programs and lectures preparatory to the coming of the Chicago Grand Opera Co. Tuesday, February 25, Miss Eleanor Miller gave an interpretative reading of "Die Walkuere."

The Woman's club of Monrovia, the afternoon of February 26, listened to a delightful program of grand opera given by Bruce Gordon Kingsley.

The Ebell club, Los Angeles, during the past year has had many valuable and unusual programs, but perhaps no Monday was looked forward to with a greater degree of interest than the one on which Dr. Henry Van Dyke was to appear as the speaker.

Regardless of the severe storm several hundred women and a number of men assembled the afternoon of February 24 to hear him talk upon the subject, "Moral Law in Art."

"Art's first and foremost purpose is to give pleasure to the human; however, the pleasure must uplift and not degrade," he said. "Whatever is best in man is appealed to by a perfect picture, book, statue or musical composition."

Dr. Van Dyke laid stress upon the fact that great artists, litterateurs, sculptors, musicians, etc., can be even greater and their gifts be more lasting, if they refrain from indulgence in vice. He mentioned Turner, the famous English landscape artist, as of the many who would have been more wonderful and powerful in their art had they not indulged in alcohol.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT CONVENTION

ANNIE BOCK

Press Chairman for Southern California

It is a source of regret to the editors of *The Club Woman* that the following report of the Southern District Convention was, through an error of make-up, omitted from the February issue. It is here reproduced in full.

Over among the citrus groves, where the breath of the orange blossom mingles with the salt sea air, nestled away under the shadow of the mountains, lies the little city of Corona. It was there that the Southern District convention was held during the month of January. Neither the wind nor rain detained many at home, nor did they dampen the spirits of the hundred or more enthusiastic delegates and visitors, who came from all the beautiful country around to be the guests of the Women's Improvement Club. This club, of which Mrs. T. C. Jameson is president, left nothing undone to make these visitors and friends happy and comfortable—opening their homes in a generous and hospitable manner.

It was said to have been one of the most successful and helpful meetings in the history of the district federation and who could have doubted it, who was there and followed the trend of affairs? It could not have been otherwise under the able and tactful guidance of so capable a president as Mrs. Ella Westland. Everything moved along in a calm and dignified manner, which would have done credit to any assembly. A sane, sensible lot of women, come together prepared to listen and to speak; with no malice or deceit in their hearts, no politics and no lobbying. A few changes in the program were necessary, but these were arranged without apparent difficulty by the president. And what a varied program it was! Everything from art to civics was discussed.

Most of the clubs were represented, either a president or her substitute coming to bring her special message. It was a delight to hear the reports, to

know the trend of thought and real interest of each club and it was a satisfaction to find that, though many were taking up the study of legislation and forming civic sections, some were still devoting themselves to literature, music and art, with their refining and uplifting influences. Household economics and domestic science, too, it was evident, were playing an important part in club life, since women more and more were realizing the great lack of efficiency among their sex.

The morning of the first day was devoted to an open parliament presided over by Mrs. J. H. Holland and many questions were brought forward for consideration. A discussion on the present district boundaries was led by Mrs. H. E. De Nyse. Mrs. Lillian Pray Palmer, a strong advocate of county federations, then made a plea in their behalf. San Diego county federation was organized in 1897, being the first in the South, she said. Through it individual clubs had become interested in state and district federation. That the county federation had accomplished a work close at hand that the single club was not large enough to do and that was not within the scope of state or district, she was absolutely convinced.

The regular session of the convention was called to order by the president, Mrs. Ella Westland. After the strains of sweet music had died away and Rev. Chester Ferris had offered prayer, W. J. Pentelou, president of the Corona chamber of commerce, delivered an address of welcome. Mrs. T. C. Jameson, president of the hostess club, in her sweet and cordial way, invited the visitors to enjoy the hospi-

tality of the city and its homes. Mrs. A. H. Griswold responded for the delegates. By this time the convention was in full running order and thereafter there was not an idle or a lagging moment.

Perhaps there was no more impressive half hour during the three days assembly than that devoted to the farewell speech of Mrs. Westland, who reviewed the work of the past year and told of her future hopes for the South. She touched upon her hobby, county federations, saying that they were the means of bringing clubs closer together and of thereby creating a greater inspiration in the work of the district. She could not speak too highly of the loyal board surrounding her, or the chairmen who with their strength and power had helped so materially to bring affairs to a successful issue.

The women of the convention rejoiced in having the state president, Mrs. Orr, with them. Her talk on "Federation—Its Province, Its Promise, Its Persistence," was most inspiring, and that those who were not there might enjoy what she had said, it was voted that it be reprinted in "The Club Woman."

State officers and chairmen were present in goodly number. Mrs. Mudgett of Los Angeles brought greetings from her district.

Mrs. Calvin Hartwell as usual distinguished herself in a talk on social hygiene, which was listened to with great interest.

No one could have more forcefully brought one to a realization of the value of our forests than Mrs. Foster Elliot, state chairman of forestry, did in her plea Wednesday evening. By means of slides she showed how the forests had been cut down; how they had been so seriously eaten into by fire, and she likewise explained the paramount necessity for conservation of what still remained.

Mrs. Baurhyte, state chairman of philanthropy, spoke characteristically of the "Maternity Cottage for Wives,"

of the work done there, and of the planning of a day nursery. She also said that the management is conducting a general store of unlimited value to those in need. She made plain the meaning of true philanthropy, which was not in giving to people and thereby making them weak and dependent, but in teaching them to stand on their own feet, letting them pay for articles, no matter how small an amount.

Miss Rich, head of the Santa Barbara normal school, came to the convention Friday and talked on "Modern Appropriation to Efficiency in the Home," and it is doubtful if, when she had finished, there was a woman who did not realize the value of efficiency and who was not convinced that its lack was the greatest problem of the day.

One could devote much time to the good things talked about by the conscientious, capable district chairmen. Each one had a way of convincing one that her special work was most important and interesting.

Mrs. Lillian Palmer told what had been done along the line of club extension. Mrs. Unholz, chairman of club house fund, and Mrs. Wohlford, health chairman, spoke encouragingly of results in their departments. Mrs. J. R. Caldwell, chairman of music, stated that much had been done to raise the standard of music and that many clubs had musical sections. It is to be hoped that women generally will aid in bringing about greater refinement in taste displayed in music and that before many years rag-time and the piano-player may be wiped out of existence. Mrs. Manker, press chairman, reported that thirty-one clubs were sending in monthly news. Dr. Louise Harvey Clarke, the energetic "legislation woman," reported that most every club in the district had done some work in this department and that some had special sections for it. The report on home economics by Mrs. Thomas Ewing convinced one that much interest was being taken in this subject by the clubs. Mrs. J. King read her valuable paper on

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MRS. S. L. WILEY
President San Joaquin District

CALL FOR SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY DISTRICT

The Sixteenth Annual Convention of the San Joaquin Valley District, California Federation of Women's Clubs, will be held in Modesto, April 4th and 5th, 1913.

The convention will begin Friday morning, April 4th, and close Saturday evening, April 5th.

Representation.

Each club of one hundred members or less shall be entitled to the president, or her appointee, and two delegates, and one delegate for each additional one hundred or fraction thereof.

No proxies allowed.

Credentials enclosed should be presented Friday, April 4th.

No delegate shall be allowed to represent more than one club.

All clubwomen, whether Federated or not, are cordially invited to attend and take active part in all work, except voting.

The Secretary should send the names of delegates and alternates one week before the convention to the Corresponding Secretary of the District, Mrs. F. A. McMahon, 811 Dennett avenue.

Hospitality.

A local board has been organized for the purpose of making arrangements for the comfort and entertainment of our guests. Chairman of local board, Mrs. F. A. Cressy.

Hotels and Trains.

The Tynan—The management of the Tynan Hotel offers the following rates for convention delegates and visitors: Room, without bath, \$2.50 per day; room, without bath, \$1.00 to \$1.50 per day, one person; room, with bath, \$3.00 per day; room, with bath, \$4.00 per day, two persons.

The Swan—Without board, 75c per day for one person; \$1.00 for two persons.

The Plato—Without board, \$1.00 per day for one person; \$1.50 for two persons.

Arrangements have been made for the establishment of a bureau of information at the Tynan Hotel for the accommodation of the delegates.

Reservation of rooms at the hotels may be made by writing to the Chairman of the Hotel Committee, Mrs. H. A. Bates, Modesto.

Arrangements are being made with the railroad companies for special rates for delegates and others attending the convention.

Resolutions.

Resolutions may be sent to the chairman of the Resolutions Committee, Mrs. E. H. Annear, Modesto.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. S. L. Wiley,

President San Joaquin District, California Federation of Women's Clubs.

FOREWORD.

By Mrs. S. L. Wiley.

Extensive preparations are being made by the Modesto club women for the sixteenth annual convention of the San Joaquin valley district of the C. F. W. C. which meets April 4 and 5 in Modesto. About 250 delegates will be seated at the convention, but the entire session will be open to the public. All those interested in federated club work or the topics under discussion are invited to attend.

San Joaquin is a large and important district, including ten counties, namely: Alpine, Fresno, King, Kern, Madera, Merced, Mariposa, Mono, Tulare, and Stanislaus. This body is represented by a membership of 1500 women, separated into forty clubs.

State Convention

The storm center of activity lies about Fresno, where the state convention meets the last two days of April

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THE WASHINGTON COUNCIL

AGNES LEYS CHRISTIE

Chairman of Publicity

Club women from all over the United States will gather at Washington, D. C., on April 21 to attend the council of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, to be held there during the week. The purpose of the meeting is apparent in the name, and it is truly a means by which the club women all over the country can meet and counsel together as to the best methods of advancing the interests of the General Federation. The membership includes the board of directors, the presidents of all state federations and of individual clubs and other organizations directly federated and all General Federation state secretaries and department chairmen. But all club women may attend these meetings and are urged to do so.

Credentials are unnecessary, and ideas and discussions from all are most welcome. The committees in charge of the meeting in Washington this year expect it to surpass in enthusiasm and practical results any former meeting of the kind. No more beautiful city than Washington at this time of the year could have been chosen for our gathering, and its many educational and social features will add much to the already delightful program which has been under preparation since October by a committee composed of Mrs. William E. Andrews, general chairman, Washington; Mrs. Eugene Reilley, chairman of program, Charlotte, North Carolina, and Mrs. Agnes L. Christie, Butte, Montana. This committee has been augmented by a local committee on entertainment appointed by Mrs. Andrews, who is chairman of that committee and also president of the District of Columbia Federation of Women's Clubs, the other members of the committee being: Chairman of hospitality, Mrs. A. F. Hassan, 3138 Q street N. W.; chairman art reception, Mrs. Grace Boynton Logan, 1253 Irving street, with the following presidents of literary clubs in charge of the

Library evening: Mrs. J. A. Moyer, 610 Eighth street N. E.; Mrs. E. Ide Miller, 1367 B street N. E.; Mrs. John H. Stokes, the Portner; Mrs. Margaret C. Buell, 1439 Newton street.

The local committee will be at the station to meet club women, and will endeavor to locate comfortably all who come. Mrs. Andrews will be glad to furnish information to all who desire it.

Although the details of the entire program cannot be completed until our president, Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, meets with the local committee in charge of arrangements on March 5 and 6, the general outline will give interested club members an idea of the good things in store for us.

The first meeting of the council will be in the National Museum auditorium on the night of April 21. Addresses of welcome will be made by representative club women, with response by Mrs. Pennybacker. Some prominent public speaker will also address the women.

Tuesday morning, April 22, in the assembly room of the Raleigh hotel, the Council headquarters, the first business session will be held. In the afternoon two of the departments will be heard from, and an early adjournment will be taken for conferences, those between chairmen, state presidents and secretaries promising to be of special importance. A reception at the White House for that afternoon is also being arranged for, and an address on art by F. Hopkinson Smith in the evening at the Corcoran Gallery, followed by a reception and music by the Marine Band.

Wednesday the program will be devoted to departments for the presentation and discussion of various subjects. A visit to the congressional library, under the direction of the literary clubs, will also be made on Wednesday evening.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

My Dear Friends: The last month has been spent chiefly on the wing. As our second vice president, Mrs. Sneath, is wintering in New Orleans, I went there to confer with her and assist in preparing for publication the booklet setting forth the plans of various departments of federation work. I can not too highly commend Mrs. Sneath, who as chairman of the Readjustment Committee, spared neither time nor labor in collecting the necessary data. After two days' arduous labor we had the manuscript ready to send to the publisher. While it was a source of the deepest regret that we could not use all the valuable material sent by the chairmen, yet we hope much good will result from the outlines presented. We are gratified at the promptness with which Mrs. Wood issued the booklet; it was due to make its appearance February 15, but was ready for distribution a week before that time. If you desire a copy, please address Mrs. Mary I. Wood, Bureau of Information, Portsmouth, N. H.

It was my good fortune while in New Orleans to be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Roydan Douglas, Mrs. Douglas being the president of the Louisiana State Federation; to dine with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mathewes, one of our directors; to lunch with the Round Table, made up of the leaders of various women's organizations, presided over by Mrs. H. B. Myers, a member of our Press Committee. In meeting Mr. Sneath, Mr. Mathews and Mr. Douglas, I was impressed anew by how much we owe the club husbands for their sympathy and co-operation. Mrs. Sneath and I spoke before a session of the newly organized City Federation of Women's Clubs. I had the pleasure, also, of conferring with Dr. and Mrs. Dickson of Sophie Newcomb College, Mrs. Reuben Bush, Miss Ruth Bush, Miss Marion Brown, vice principal Esplanade Avenue High School, and Miss Dorothy Paul. The sad death of Miss Jean Gordon's brother prevented my meeting her and Dr. Mayo, both members of General Federation committees.

Returning from New Orleans I remained at home only long enough to catch up with my mail, and then hastened to Douglas, Ariz. For miles and miles along the border we saw encampments of troops, which made us realize as never before that the Mexican situation is filled with danger. After 32 hours of travel Douglas was reached at the inhospitable hour of 6:30 a. m., but Mrs. Joseph Calisher, chairman of local arrangements, gave me a hearty welcome and escorted me to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. French. To come from the bleak air outside into a home of perfect appointments, whose roofed-over patio, filled with palms and blooming plants of marvellous beauty, was indeed a grateful surprise. When you think that Douglas is only ten years of age, and then reflect upon the comfort of its homes and schools, one can but marvel at the enterprise of the West. The Arizona Federation numbers but twenty-three clubs. Many of these women traveled over 1000 miles to attend the convention. Governor Hunt, the first Governor of the State, left his official duties to journey to Douglas and speak to us. He was followed by the president, Dr. Agnes McKee Wallace, who delivered a masterly address, warning the women to whom citizenship had been given that they must prepare themselves by broad and comprehensive study rightly to use this privilege. Dr. Wallace urged in strong terms that every woman in the Federation secure a copy of the report of the last biennial. She showed what the study of this report would do for the education of clubs throughout the country. Two of the best biennial talks that I have ever heard were given by Miss Post and Mrs. Robinson. They seized the heart of the meetings, and made them appear as living pictures to their auditors. Nothing touched me more than the individual club reports. When we learned that some of the women rode 30 miles to attend a club meeting, that in rural communities the mothers brought their children and spent the

entire day; that clubs frequently by their own exertions raised \$200 or \$300 for altruistic purposes; when we heard all this and more, we realized that the women of Arizona are doing their full part toward making the State's history. I was especially pleased to notice how the women appreciated each other; how the name of our Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles, who had visited them in years gone by, was greeted with applause; how Mrs. Calisher was encouraged and given full credit for her able management; how the president was loved; how Mrs. C. S. Newson, formerly president and now General Federation secretary, held the admiration and affection of every woman in the convention.

It was in Douglas that Mrs. Emma Crocker, our chairman of conservation, joined me. She was most helpful through the entire convention, and gave the women the very information they desired. While Arizona has not as many clubs as she should have affiliated with the General Federation, yet the delegates promised to go home, raise their quota of the endowment, and bring more clubs into the directory. It was with the deepest reluctance that I said good bye to Mr. and Mrs. French, and to the gracious mother who had made my stay one of unalloyed rest and delight. How much true hospitality warms our hearts and makes us realize that the world is full of kindness.

In order to reach our next engagement Mrs. Crocker and I traveled eight hours back to El Paso, and then 18 hours to Santa Fe. You must realize that we live in the section of magnificent distances. In the quaint old town of Santa Fe we were met immediately by friends. Mrs. Crocker was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Renahan, while I was the guest of Judge and Mrs. Lorin Collins, whose names are familiar to you from their long residence and wonderful work in the canal zone. That evening we spoke to the Womans Department Club of 150 members and their guests in the old Palace of Gov-

ernors. It was a unique experience. The building, which is one of the oldest in America, is now devoted to museum purposes, and is also the seat of one of the four archaeological schools in the world. Should any of you desire a unique experience you are invited to attend the summer session of this school which is held in one of the picturesque canons not far from Santa Fe. Our audience could not be excelled in sympathy or understanding by any body of men and women in the United States. Mrs. Collins organized the Department Club only three months ago, but it is marvelous to see what has been accomplished. The other clubs in the city are also in a flourishing condition. The next day we met a charming group of people around the hospitable board of Governor and Mrs. McDonald. It is interesting to note that of the company of twelve, three were born in New Mexico. We had tea with Judge and Mrs. Laughlin, Mrs. Laughlin being a member of the Civics Committee of the General Federation. You must let me tell you once more that in New Mexico we again felt the co-operation of the husbands of the community. It was with the sense of real loss that we said adieu to our hosts and hostesses, as well as to the other delightful people we had met. How strong is the influence of the personal touch! From this day, when I read a paragraph concerning New Mexico or Arizona, I shall have a more vital feeling than ever before. Now these two new States with their first governors and their first legislatures are my real neighbors in whose development I take the keenest interest, and for whose people I have the profoundest respect and admiration. When all the clubs over the country belong to the General Federation, and when every club sends a delegation to our biennials, we shall have this personal touch much stronger than now and the best of results will come therefrom. New Mexico remembers with gratitude the visit of Mrs. Phillip N. Moore, who aided them

in their organization; it is due to her influence that such a large percentage of the clubs are in the General Federation. The women of the state are looking forward with the keenest interest to their state meeting in Albuquerque next March. My one regret in the New Mexico trip was that the able president, Mrs. Laura W. Johnson, could not be with us in Santa Fe.

Returning to El Paso (for this town is literally "the pass" through which one must come in his Western wanderings) we were the happy house guests of our Mrs. Ernest Kohlberg, whom many of you met at the San Francisco biennial, and who is a conscientious member of our education committee. Of course the El Paso women gave us a most beautiful reception, and were much interested in our experiences. At night Mrs. Crocker again spoke ably on conservation. I was both pleased and interested to see the effect her talk had upon the men in the audience; they were at first surprised and then delighted that a woman could handle the subject so thoroughly, and yet so concisely. Later Mrs. Crocker stopped a day and a half with me in Austin, and gave my own American History Club with 120 guests the privilege of listening to a talk on her Panama trip and her conservation work.

Reaching home five days ago I was gratified to find the January issue of the Federation Magazine awaiting me. I am sure you will agree that the management is to be congratulated upon the marked improvement in the publication. At the earnest request of the business manager the advisory committee consented to a change of name, and also to certain other additions which we considered in the line of progress. I shall be glad to learn how you are impressed both with the magazine and with the booklet which sets forth the work of the departments.

Georgia has sustained a great loss in the sudden death of the president of the State Federation of Womens

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the executive board, C. F. W. C., was held at the home of Mrs. Orr, 2420 Gough street, San Francisco, on Saturday, February 15, the following ladies being in attendance: Mmes. Orr, Goddard, Shuman, Lynch, Tojetti, Knight, and Misses Briggs and Sheideman.

The resignation of the Friday club of Fresno was accepted, also that of the Nineteenth Century Round Table, of Hanford.

Mrs. Goddard moved that we endorse resolution of National Consumer's League which limits the hours of labor of women employed in the District of Columbia. It was introduced into the senate by Senator La Follette and is known as S. B. No. 7723. Motion seconded and carried.

Mrs. Lynch moved that inasmuch as the C. F. W. C. had adopted at San Jose, February 9, 1906, the following resolution: "Resolved, that the C. F. W. C. heartily endorses the endeavors of all organizations directed towards the educating of the public as to the prevention and cure of tuberculosis, and the establishment of state sanatoria where those afflicted may be cared for

scientifically and intelligently—" that the board requests that the Woman's Legislative Council at Sacramento sustain and work for the passage of California club bill known as Senate Bill No. 6. Motion seconded and carried.

Mrs. Goddard moved that inasmuch as the C. F. W. C. did endorse suffrage, we do hereby approve S. B. No. 424, an act to amend the qualification of voters, and that we request the Woman's Legislative Council to work for this measure. Motion seconded and carried.

On motion of Mme. Tojetti, it was voted that the board decline to go on record as supporting any bills outside of our regular platform with the exception of the two heretofore specified.

A letter from the Parlor Lecture Club House association tendering the use of Parlor lecture clubhouse for state convention was read and the secretary was authorized to write to the secretary of said association accepting same and conveying the appreciation of the board for the courtesy extended.

Interesting reports were given by Mrs. Sherman and Mrs. Lynch.

Mrs. E. D. Knight,
Recording Secretary.

INCENTIVES.

I should be sorry for myself if no one seemed to care at all

While watching me attempt to climb,
or feared that I might slip and fall;

I should not have the heart to try my strength again if I believed

That no one would be gladdened by each little triumph I achieved.

I should be sorry for myself if no one watched me jealously,

Or secretly was glad to see the obstacles confronting me;

I should not have the will to dare, my efforts would be few and small,

If I could be assured that there were none who wished to see me fall.

—S. E. Kiser in Chicago Record-Herald.

DEAR CALIFORNIA.

Out among the pepper trees
 Watch the shadows playing;
 Out among the pepper trees
 Watch the lazy summer breeze
 Ever idly straying.

Softly goes the afternoon,
 Softly goes the gloaming;
 Hear the drowsy hum of bees
 When among the pepper trees
 Idly we are roaming.

Turn your eyes to purple hills
 Golden haze describing;
 Out among the pepper trees
 Dreamily we take our ease
 While the day is dying.

CLOSING THE DOORS

I have closed the doors on Doubt;
 I will go by what light I can find,
 And hold up my hands and reach them
 out

To the glimmer of God in the dark
 and call:
 "I am Thine, though I grope and
 stumble and fall,
 I serve, and Thy service is kind."

I have closed the door on Fear,
 He has lived with me far too long,
 If he were to break forth and reappear
 I should lift my eyes and look at the
 sky,
 And sing aloud and run lightly by,
 He will never follow a song.

I have closed the door on Gloom.
 His house has too narrow a view,
 I must seek for my soul a wider room,
 With windows to open and let in the
 sun,
 And radiant lamps when the day is
 done,
 And the breeze of the world blowing
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Tuberculin Test for Dairies.

To Compel Fathers to Support Illegitimate Children.

To Enforce Laws for the Protection of Children.

Conservation.

Civil Service Reform.

Federal:

Uniform Marriage and Divorce Laws.

Conservation of Womanhood, Childhood, Home.

Employers' Liability and Workman's Compensation Act.

Peace Measures.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH C. F. W. C.

The subject of public health is more and more engaging the attention of people all over the country, one of the potent factors in arousing this fresh interest in the subject being the General Federation of Women's Clubs, through its department of public health.

The chairman of this department, Mrs. S. S. Crockett of Tennessee, is a southern woman born and bred. Her father served in the Confederate army. Mrs. Crockett's husband is a physician and also professor of mental and nervous diseases in the Vanderbilt University. All this adds to her prestige in the work of the general federation health department and shows she gives it her constant attention.

Mrs. Crockett is most industrious in the distribution of posters and leaflets.

Medical inspection, ventilation, the common drinking cup, food inspection and the house fly are some of the subjects treated in these leaflets, which have been sent into every state in the union. Every state federation, with one exception, has its own health committee, with which Mrs. Crockett's committee works in harmony and by means of which she is able to secure more direct and immediate results than would otherwise be possible.

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In her recently issued message to chairmen of state health committees Mrs. Crockett urges their continued efforts in behalf of a bill establishing a national health service—known as the Owen bill—now pending before congress; and also that vital statistics laws be secured from the legislatures in such states as have not such enactments. Literature on both these topics may be secured by applying to Dr. Frederick E. Green, secretary American Medical association, 535 Dearborn avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Thus it will be seen how broad and far-reaching is the work of this department. It is the work that must make the strongest possible appeal to the million women of the federated club, for it aims directly to better conditions surrounding children and the home.

THE WASHINGTON COUNCIL

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On Thursday the club women will be guests of the Maryland Federation, and the plans include a visit to Baltimore, a luncheon, a visit to the Walters Gallery, and other entertainment. Arrangements have also been made for a trip down the Potomac to historical points, including Mount Vernon.

Thursday evening there will be a general meeting at which addresses and reports of various kinds will be heard, and plans for the biennial meeting at Chicago will be presented by Mrs. Everett of Illinois, and the program for that meeting outlined by Mrs. Sneath of Ohio.

SOUTH'N DISTRICT CONVENTION

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necrology. The subject of civics by Mrs. Quinn, civil service reform by Mrs. Praul and industrial and social conditions by Mrs. Buzzell, were carefully treated. Mrs. Homer Lash, chairman of forestry, spoke most enthusiastically of what was being accomplished in her line. Mrs. Garner, chairman of education, urged women to put themselves on a level with their boys and girls. "Sympathize with them and never laugh at their little confidences that they may come to you with their big ones. If mothers do this," she said, "there will be less need of juvenile courts and probation officers." The papers on art by Mrs. Estudillo and history and landmarks by Mrs. Martin, called forth a request that they be reprinted. Mrs. Estudillo, chairman of art, pleaded not for more artists but more appreciators. Art is a necessary part of life and it is the duty to spread the knowledge of its principles of beauty in the home, the club, the school and the city.

The round tables, conducted by department chairmen Thursday, were a source of much pleasure to the women, who entered freely into discussions upon all questions. Mrs. Miguel Estudillo displayed and explained engravings sent by the state library and Mrs. De Nyse, a clever speaker, and than whom there is no better authority among women on the Indian question, talked at length of the "Mission Indians."

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FOREWORD

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and first and second of May. The local board under the direction of the chairman, Mrs. G. H. Taylor, is doing very effective work. Mrs. John Hoxie is arranging an excursion to Yosemite Valley after the convention closes. Mrs. George L. Warlow is planning various auto trips to follow the busy day's work, to divert our guests. Mrs. J. E. Hughes, chairman of publication, is doing excellent work. Mrs. J. S. Jones is chairman of the committee on pages and ushers. The auditorium of the Woodmen of the World, next door to the club house, has been secured for the sessions, and the Parlor Lecture Club association has offered the club for the week, to be used for committees, rest and tea rooms.

The Fresno chamber of commerce, the Commercial club, and many social organizations are lending a helping hand to the district in entertaining the state convention.

The Program

The Modesto district program will include greetings from:

Mrs. Percy L. Schumann, San Francisco district president.

Miss Francis Dian, Parlor Lecture club, Fresno, will talk on art.

Mrs. John Hoxie, History and Landmarks.

Mrs. G. A. Perkins of Modesto, Civil Service.

Mrs. F. T. Hogan Fowler, Rec. and Information.

Mrs. F. E. Osterhout, Modern Education.

Dr. George E. Tucker, Riverside, Health.

And others.

GENERAL FEDERATION

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Clubs, Mrs. H. C. White of Athens. Every possible honor was shown her memory, and the women of the state have resolved to perpetuate her memory by means of a memorial fund.

Captain E. L. Buchwalter of Springfield, Ohio, has sent to the treasurer of the General Federation \$200, so generously pledged to the endowment fund by his wife a short time before her death.

Preparations for the council are moving smoothly. By next month Mrs. Reilly will give you definite information concerning the program. I have asked that matters be so arranged that at the official headquarters, the Raleigh Hotel, the board and presidents of the State Federations may lunch together one day; the board and General Federation secretaries may break bread at the same table; each chairman may gather about her the members of her committee in attendance, together with the advisory board member; the board and the chairmen may have a meal together. We want to do everything in our power to learn, to know, to understand each other.

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thank those of you who have written me words of cheer since my last message; you do not know how often these come at a time when one is physically weary, and therefore a bit mentally depressed.

As a final word, let me say that at the council meeting the endowment question will again be brought forward, and the report of each State will be given as was done at the San Francisco biennial. It is earnestly hoped that every pledge made in San Francisco will be paid before the council meeting, and that many States that in Mrs. Jones' report in the last magazine stood low on the list will rise to places of honor. In April I expect to have vital news to tell you concerning several conferences which I am to hold during the next few days. Ever sincerely yours,

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We are deeply grateful to our splendid district board and to the able presidents of this great section of our state who recently met in council and who received, during their busy day, from the chairman of Art, the "Announcement and Invitation" issued by the Fine Arts League, of Los Angeles, concerning the opening of the Art Department in the Museum of History, Science and Art, at Exposition Park. We thank you for your consideration and for your endorsement of the plan to make the collecting of objects of interest for the Museum, a part of the district work.

The Fine Arts League, which has been commissioned by the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County to take care of the art in the new museum, began in the federation. The "child" which you invested with powers for accomplishment has been able to sustain itself out in the great struggling, glad, good, world. The way has been a long one but we have almost forgotten the weariness, and the discouragements, the compensations have been so very great.

The museum in Exposition Park is a County Museum. It is as nearly a District Museum as we shall ever have. The museum is yours. We have brought you your galleries. We invite you to assist us in our great work of putting things good and beautiful and uplifting in the place of the wrong things that we all are trying to make better. Every club can do some-

thing toward building up this great institution. If keepsakes and heirlooms are not available, then, a book of poems or of art, history, or biography, or any other appropriate gift, will adequately represent a club. A donation or a loan will be listed in the name of the individual making the presentation; also, under the name of the club from which it comes. When certified data has been received by the Chairman of Art for the Museum an acknowledgment or receipt will be sent to the donor. Pictures which are merely historical or explanatory and might more properly be classed as documentary than as artistic, may be placed in the Museum as other objects of interest and instruction; but pictures which are contributed with the idea of their being hung in the Art Gallery proper, as worthy examples of artistic merit must be submitted to the "Juries of Selection."

Delays in connection with the finishing of the galleries make it impossible for us to give you, at this time dates for receiving objects of interest at the Museum.

The formal opening of the Museum will take place next October.

Postals will be mailed to all presidents, later on, giving the final directions.

Trusting that every club in our home district will respond to this invitation, by taking possession of that which is really its own, I am,

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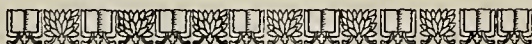


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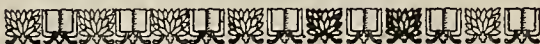
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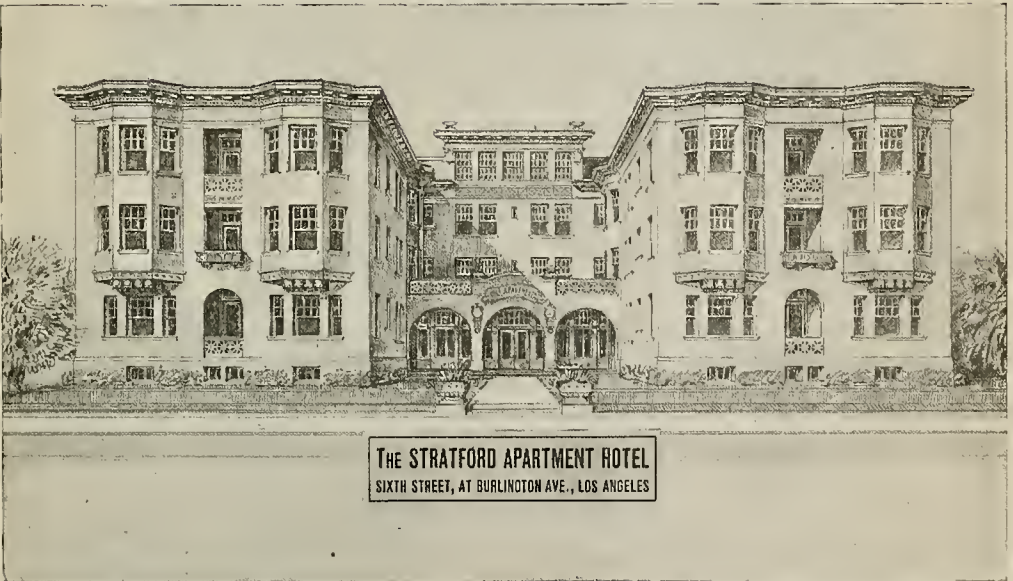
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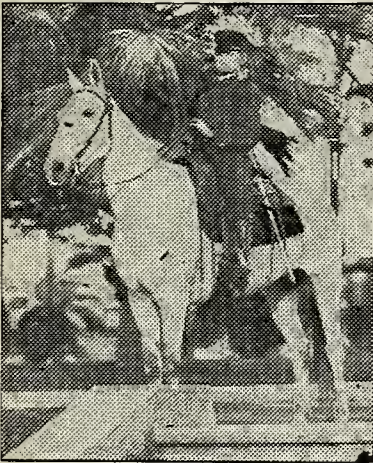
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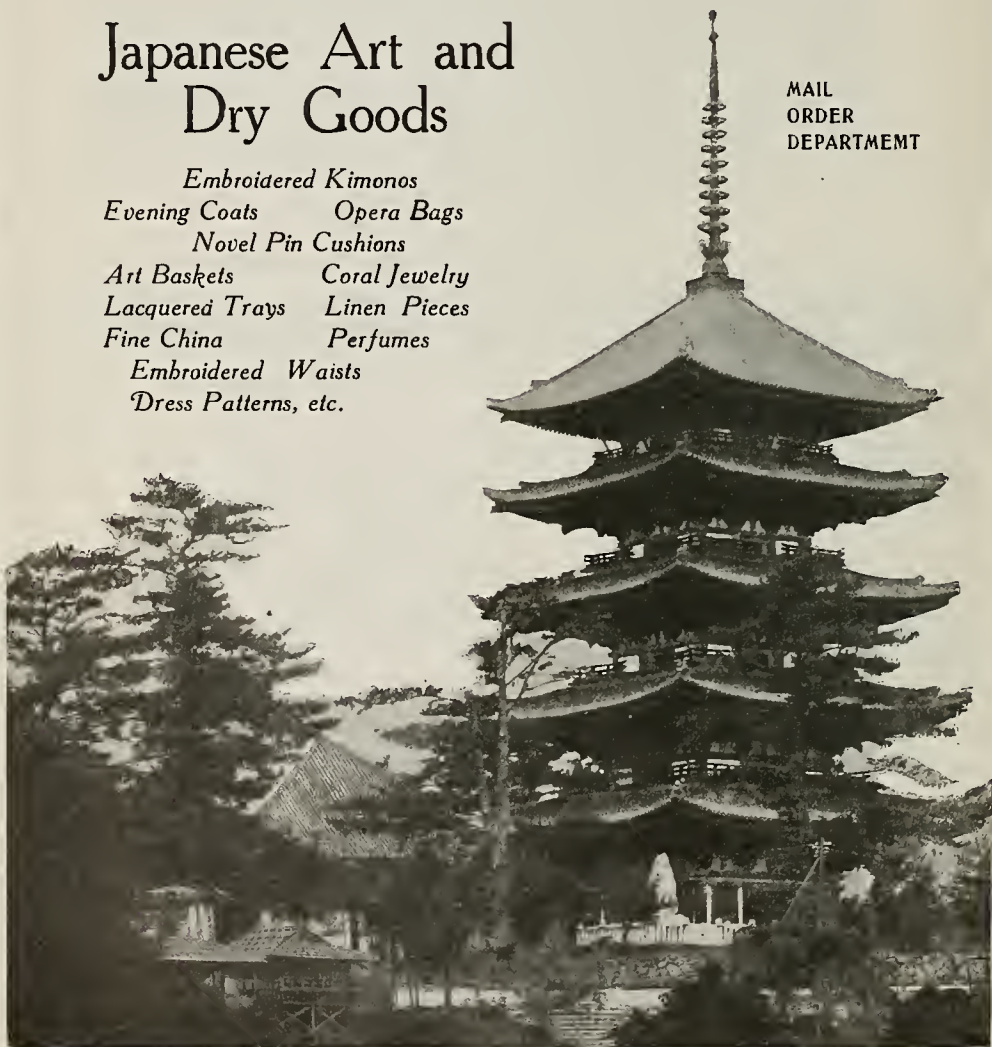
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EDITORIAL

In a number of respects the convention of the California Federation of Women's clubs to be held at Fresno the latter part of this month and the first of next is an event of significance beyond even that which it possesses by virtue of being a gathering of the women who do things of a state where women have acquired a national reputation for doing things.

The visible evidences of the influence for betterment wielded by the clubwomen of California becomes more marked with each succeeding year. The popular impression that the enfranchisement of the sex is wholly or chiefly responsible for this is largely erroneous, though it is scarcely to be doubted that the placing in women's hands of the weapon whereby reform is directly accomplished has crystallized to concrete action ideals which were once of necessity more or less abstract and indirect of attainment.

It is not too much to say that the political and economic eye of the nation is upon the women of California in what the great commonwealths of the east are still inclined to regard as somewhat experimental conditions. It is scarcely exaggeration to add that in more than one state the political fate of the sex will stand or fall upon the results attained on the Pacific Coast.

In a burst of genial rays breaking through the clouds of its customary conservatism, the New York Sun comments editorially and with something but narrowly missing enthusiasm upon the subject of women in politics in California. This comfortable warmth was inspired by the visit to the metropolis of Miss Mary Foy, of Los An-

geles, president of the California Women's Democratic League. The Sun's quotations from Miss Foy, whom it regards as the "ideal type of woman politician," carry more than a tithe of truth as to the real reason for the success of women in California.

"It is due to our solidarity as women," said Miss Foy. "From the beginning we have learned that, whatever the issue, we are always women and have a tremendous common interest for that reason. When it comes to local issues, to questions of state legislation which especially affect women and children, all other political differences are nothing beside our ability to stand together as a body behind the measure we want to put through. We try to work for candidates and measures on a constructive basis—in other words, women have already found how easy it is to rise above the personal."

Suffrage and Dynamite

As these words are written the transatlantic cables are quivering with alarming reports of the destruction of property by fire and dynamite in the hands of militant suffragettes in England. The most recent outburst appears to have been inspired by the sentencing of their leader, Mrs. Emmeline Parkhurst, to three years penal servitude on conviction of the charge of inciting to destroy property. Within a few hours a train of empty cars on the London & Northwestern had been wrecked by a bomb, a railway station in Surrey had been dynamited and the torch applied to a number of vacant residences in various parts of England.

Several hot-headed suffragettes are quoted in dispatches as declaring their intention to institute a reign of terror from Southampton to the Clyde and to enlist the most desperate characters in England in a campaign of anarchy and nihilism.

Thinking women the world over, however strongly urging the inherent right of their sex to the franchise, cannot but bitterly deplore such wild ebullitions of desperation. It is not only that such moves make for social chaos but they farther and farther remove their authors from the goal they seek. John Bull is nothing if not bull-headed. The stoning of his premier on the streets of London, the destruction of his mails by acid, the deriding of his judges on the bench, the assaulting of his minions of the law at their post of duty, the torch of arson and the plugged gas-pipe have hitherto but Harveized the steel of his determination.

There is no quarrel among the progressive women of America as to the right of their English sisters to the vote. But if we have a message for across-the-water it is that the hand of destruction lifted by the red-seeing minority be stayed lest mob law be met by lynch law and civilization be disgraced by the horrors of a new regime of Robespierre.

Clubwomen and Divorce

No single class of women contribute as little to the dreary and sordid literature of the divorce courts as do clubwomen, according to the results of an inquiry prosecuted by Mrs. G. W. McCoy, president of the Northern district, C. F. W. C., and presented to that body at the Oroville convention. The statement writes an interesting parallel beside the than-which-there-in-no-more-ancient charge that activities not directly associated with dish-cloths and darning are the heaviest contributors to domestic infelicity. Whether emphasized by the president's gavel or the mother's slip-

per human nature is human nature, wherefore it would appear that it is club interests themselves, rather than the character of the women possessing them, that make for the broad sense of social utility which shortens the civil court calendar.

A Touch of Nature

Even as the crippled wires were bringing in sorrowful dot and dash the appalling story of the flood in the valley of the Little Miami the women of the Ohio Society of Southern California were already planning ways and means for the relief of the stricken and homeless. Before more than a skeleton of the shocking details had filtered through, several hundred dollars had been subscribed, the proceeds of a social card party had been added to the relief fund and messages of hope and comfort and help to come were singing back on the same horror-laden wires. California was prompt and very generous in her response to the call of need but to the women of the Ohio Society belongs the credit of the swiftest answer to the touch of nature that makes the world kin.

A Monument of Millinery

An enduring answer to the paragraphers' perennial pleasantries touching on the fate of women's civic interests when opposed to those things which are with frequent injustice supposed to constitute the core's core of feminine desire will be the new clubhouse to be erected by the women of South Pasadena. Seven hundred dollars' worth of pretty millinery was sacrificed on the artistic altar of progress, for its members each cheerfully went without a new winter hat in order to contribute its cash equivalent to the building fund. The architects preparing the plans for the eight-thousand dollar edifice are authorities, moreover, for the statement that styles in clubhouses do not change twice yearly.

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 Program—Executive Committee.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

District conventions and reciprocity days have necessitated some traveling about the state since my last letter. The three conventions attended were the Alameda, Northern and Los Angeles districts.

Alameda is my neighbor, and possibly too near for me to get the proper perspective. I have always been a visitor to all conventions of this district; have followed its growth and rejoiced in its successes, and I have a personal share of pride and joy in the reports of clubs and committees.

I have also served on the executive board with the two past presidents of the C. F. W. C., from the Alameda district. With this close tie of service and personal friendship to emphasize my point of view, I report officially that the Alameda district convention was undeniably inspiring and stimulating.

The convention of the Northern district, held at Oroville, was an occasion of note, inasmuch as the spirit of neighborliness, of mutuality of interests prevails among these clubs, and much of this is because Mrs. McCoy

has been a personal guest of all the clubs sometime or several times during her two years of service. It certainly is a pleasant advantage to come to a convention acquainted with the presiding officer, to have her call one by name and to know she is familiar with one's work. Mrs. McCoy reported a gain of one hundred per cent in membership, but no estimate could be made of the eager interest in federation nor of the increasing activity, notably so in the department of art. This district has solved the problem of how to interest the small club or the county club in the study of art.

Miss Jessica Briggs, the corresponding secretary, accompanied me to the convention, where we were the house guests of Mrs. A. F. Jones, the president-elect. At the close, we were invited to visit the baby club of the district—the Marysville Art club. The evening of the same day we were the guests of the Bogue club, adjacent to Yuba City. This club has a large membership among the country women, who have built themselves a substantial and attractive club home which is a center for the social life of the neighborhood.

The Los Angeles district called me to Monrovia, where I found a large

and lively convention adjourning to a larger auditorium to house the throng of eager, enthusiastic clubwomen preaching and practising the gospel of federation in all its inclusiveness, beginning with hospitality and closing with information. Mrs. W. C. Mushet presides with charm and ability over the largest district, in point of numbers, and one might also add, with discretion, in point of organization of work. These experienced and zealous women have found in the C. F. W. C. an openness of approach, a medium of expression, which has shaped and directed initiative and energy until it has come to be applied social science.

A wise and friendly critic recently said to me, "Your federation, as a state-wide organization, is one of the three great means of public dissemination. We can reach the most effective people with our message, and depend upon them to see the salient facts of the subject and apply them to social needs."

The next and last district convention will have passed into history when this letter is in print. Modesto, as the hostess of the San Joaquin district convention, is a neighboring city of Fresno, where we shall again meet

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STATE BOARD MEETING

The second state board meeting held in Southern California during the present club year took place Saturday, March 29, at the Wednesday Morning clubhouse, Mrs. J. W. Orr presiding.

Members present were: Mrs. J. W. Orr, Mrs. Calvin Hartwell, Mrs. W. C. Mushet, Mrs. R. J. Waters, Mrs. Ella Westland, Mrs. H. E. De Nyse, Mrs. Mary Gridley, Mrs. Foster Elliot, and Miss Annie Bock.

At noon all were invited by Mrs. Mushet, the hostess, to enjoy a delicious luncheon given in honor of the visiting state president.

The afternoon was devoted to a discussion of the program for the state

convention and to reports of members present. Mrs. Mushet, Los Angeles district president, stated that there had been many reciprocity days during the past month and that activities in club life had not abated in the least. Mrs. Foster Elliot, state chairman of forestry, reported that she had given talks recently at Upland, Alhambra, Santa Monica and at the convention at Monrovia. She stated that she planned leaving for the East, April 12, to be gone six months, and that during her absence she would attend the council of the General Federation in Washington, and would also visit clubs to speak upon "Forestry" and "Maternity Cottage."

THE SWAN SONG OF MUSCA DOMESTICA

Through the efforts of the Ohio State Federation of Women's Clubs the city of Cleveland has placed a bounty on the sticky scalp of *Musca Domestica*, sometimes known as the housefly. The price—ten cents a quart, dry measure—is not as discouraging to potential swatters as it might at first appear, because they are permitted to use the legs and wings and like *disjecta membra* of the swatted wherewith to help fill up.

With the co-operation of prominent members of the Southern district, C. F. W. C., the city of Monrovia has signed a sort of pledge to allow no pesky fly to either eat or sleep within its corporate limits—of Monrovia, not the fly—presumably until such time as they are all dead from insomnia or inanition. Prizes are offered the school children for the largest number of dead flies brought in.

The Los Angeles city board of education at a mid-March meeting authorized the purchase of 80,000 fly traps for the use of children in the public schools, making at the same time provision for instruction in their use. This is a part of a campaign covering the entire city and in which the active aid of every woman's club and practically every similar organization with Los Angeles headquarters has been enlisted. Its purpose is not merely to wage war upon *Musca Domestica*, but to literally and ruthlessly exterminate him, his ancestors of day before yesterday and his eight million descendants of week after next.

These are hopeful signs. For forty generations gone our forbears have been content to merely keep the fly at bay by means which have served chiefly to keep up a fair average of coupon cramp among the stockholders in companies that make screen doors for a living. Most of us would rather not know what toll this comfortable system of futile apron-flapping has levied on our baby population. It is bad enough to know that it has been

great, and it is worse to realize that, for the most part, it has been unnecessary.

The words of Dr. Charles Lincoln Edwards, head of the department of nature study in the Los Angeles public schools, are sufficiently alarming to give the most careless householder pause. Said Dr. Edwards to a representative gathering of club women on the occasion of the inauguration of the present campaign:

"Compared to the housefly, the lion, tiger, rattlesnake and like so-called ferocious creatures are as harmless as doves. Where they kill one human being the housefly kills his thousands. Statistics show that there are 46,000 deaths from summer complaint in the United States every year. A great proportion of these are caused by germs brought by the housefly. One of these germs that the fly leaves on your food will within twenty-four hours produce, in the right culture, 20,000,000 other germs, each one as deadly as the original."

By way of indicating that he spoke whereof he knew, Dr. Edwards recounted the capture of one ordinary fly. They washed its dirty feet with warm water and put the washings under the microscope. The result indicated that it was the first bath the fly ever had, for they counted 8,000,000 germs in it—nearly all of them bacilli of typhoid fever, tuberculosis, pneumonia and summer complaint. The moral was driven uncomfortably close to home with tables showing that such a fly as this will be the ancestor of two billion like him, supposing him to remain still unswatted by next September.

Few campaigns in the history of women's endeavor can compare with this in point of returns attained for the effort invested. It is to be recalled, however, that no success worth the mentioning can be secured by an individual or a neighborhood of individuals. It is a state issue.

CALL FOR THE TWELFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION, CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

The Twelfth Annual Convention of the California Federation of Women's Clubs will be held in Fresno, April 29th and 30th and May 1st and 2nd, by invitation of the club women of Fresno.

We urgently request all clubs to send full delegations. As the purpose of the Federation develops new strength and significance with each added year, and its influence becomes of greater import in our commonwealth, it is eminently desirable that full and free discussion of present and future plans and purposes be participated in by the entire voting strength of the Federation. In this way, only, can reports of delegates be of real value to their respective clubs.

All meetings of the convention will be held in the Auditorium of the W. O. W. Building and are open to the public. Committee rooms will be found in the adjacent Parlor Lecture Club House.

Each club shall be entitled to representation to the State Federation by the president, or in her absence, a vice-president in order of rank, and one delegate; clubs consisting of one hundred members—the president and two delegates, and one additional delegate for every additional hundred members. No delegate shall represent more than one club. The secretary of each club shall certify one week before the annual meeting the names of the delegates and alternates from the club to the Chairman of Credentials, Mrs. George Probasco, Box 16, Burlingame, Cal. The delegates from clubs failing to pay their annual dues shall not be seated at the annual convention.

The credential cards must be presented to the Credential Committee, which will be in session at the Parlor Lecture Club House at 8:30 o'clock Tuesday morning. Mrs. George Probasco, Chairman.

All resolutions offered for the consideration of the Federation must be presented in writing with the endorsement of the delegates of at least one federated club. Resolutions must be in the hands of the committee not later than the second day of the convention. Mrs. Calvin Hartwell, 411 Summit Ave., Pasadena, Chairman.

Hotel accommodations, rooms, without bath, \$1.00 for one, or \$1.50 for two persons per day. Rooms with bath, per day, \$1.50 for one, \$2.50 for two. Hotels, European plan, grill room rates reasonable. Reservations should be made at least two weeks ahead. Address Chairman Hotels and Trains, Miss Frances Dean, 1562 J Street, Fresno.

The round-trip, Southern Pacific or Santa Fe, will be one and one-third fare on the receipt-certificate plan. Tickets to be on sale April 19th to May 2nd, inclusive, and honoring certificates for the return, April 29th to May 7th, inclusive. A round-trip to the Yosemite Valley is being planned at the rate of \$15.70 if the number who desire to avail themselves is less than one hundred, or \$12.65 if over one hundred go. Tickets expiring while in the Valley will be extended by Agent to give sufficient time for holders to reach home.

The convention will continue through four days and evenings. All meetings are open to the public. Business meetings at morning sessions. Conference during the afternoons. Topics of general interest will be presented at the evening sessions preceded by a half-hour of music. A Joint Council

of presidents and delegates will be held Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

The Local Board has made plans for a reception and musicale in the parlor of the Hotel Fresno on Tuesday evening, April 29th, and for a promenade concert on the roof garden of the W. O. W. Building, Wednesday evening, April 30th, by invitation of the Chamber of Commerce in celebration of "Raisin Day." Tea will be served informally every afternoon in the Parlor Lecture Club House.

For the pleasure of the convention, automobile excursions to nearby points of interest are scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd.

By order of the Executive Committee.

Mrs. James W. Orr, President.

Mrs. E. D. Knight,
Recording Secretary.

Miss Jessica Lee Briggs,
Corresponding Secretary.

HERE AND THERE.

The topics for the joint council of the presidents and delegates at the Fresno convention are announced by Mrs. Orr as follows:

1. Reorganization of standing committees. A discussion of a plan adapted from the recommendations made to the C. F. W. C. by Mrs. Philip N. Moore and the Eleventh Biennial.

2. Our official organ.

3. Distribution of printed matter by State Chairmen of Committees.

4. Discussion of amendments.

If time permits other topics may be presented from the floor.

The official periodical of the General Federation of Women's Clubs has lately changed both its name and address. It is now the General Federation of Women's Clubs Magazine, and its new home is at No. 25 West Forty-second street, New York City.

The following additional committee chairmen for the Washington Council have just been announced:

Hospitality, Mrs. A. F. Hassan, 3138 C street, N. W.



MRS. GEORGE H. TAYLOR

Chairman Fresno Board of Managers for State Convention

Transportation, Mrs. C. Ford, 608 Massachusetts avenue, N. E. ?

Hotels, Mrs. Willard Bigelow, 1739 Lamont street.

Press, Mrs. George C. Hopkins, 1325 Park Road.

FRESNO'S WELCOME TO THE STATE CONVENTION

MRS. GEORGE H. TAYLOR

Chairman Local Board

Local preparations for the state convention are steadily progressing, details being worked out carefully and considerably by the local board, all eager to make this the best convention ever held in California. The subjects to be considered are of more importance than at any time in the history of clubdom, and to fully accomplish the work laid out by our state president and her able co-workers, the convention accommodations must be the best possible. The Parlor Lecture clubhouse will be the center of activities, with all the committees located there. Information bureau, excursion and publicity booths, tables for club literature, rest rooms and where tea will be served every afternoon in the banquet hall. The Woodmen of the World building is adjacent to the P. L. C. clubhouse and is especially well arranged for the convention sessions, being quiet, well ventilated, and with fine acoustic properties. The Hotel Fresno will be state headquarters, also where reception and formal opening of the convention will take place on Tuesday evening, April 29, when Mrs. S. L. Wiley, president of the San Joaquin Valley district, with her executive board, will extend welcome and hospitality. Miss Julia Sayre and Mrs. Robert Hargrove are in charge of the reception.

Wednesday, April 30, is annual "Raisin Day" and at the close of the evening meeting the convention will adjourn to the roof-garden of the W. O. W. building to participate in a promenade concert as guests of the Chamber of Commerce. The publicity committee under the able leadership of Mrs. J. Ed Hughes is arranging the program and will dispense cartons of raisins as souvenirs. The local board will assist in receiving the guests. On Thursday and Friday evenings a half hour of music will precede the convention program, Mrs. S. L. Platt, chairman.

Pages, ushers and platform will be in charge of Mrs. J. S. Jones, assisted by Mrs. Frederick Liddeke. The information bureau will be directed by Miss Jenny Dorr and Mrs. H. V. Rudy. Mrs. Charles Smith is chairman of Decorations, and the convention accommodations are being cared for by Mrs. A. R. Nicholson.

Mrs. J. E. F. Edwards will fill the unusual position of press hostess, extending to our visiting press representatives the courtesies of the valley and local boards.

Mrs. Emery Donahoo, who served as state treasurer in 1906, when Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles was state president, will serve the "Down and Outs" as local chairman.

Mrs. George L. Warlow will supervise local entertainments and is planning auto trips which will not interfere with the meetings of the convention, that every visitor shall see something of Fresno and vicinity.

Saturday, termed "play-day" by Mrs. Orr, will include an auto ride along the foot-hills and San Joaquin river to historic "Fort Miller," returning in time for evening trains for all who do not take advantage of the Yosemite excursion.

Perhaps the most important committee is Hotels and Trains. Miss Frances Dean, 1562 J street, assisted by Mrs. O. L. Evarts, is at the head of this committee, and will make every effort to meet all guests and place them comfortably in one of the four leading hotels.

Mrs. A. B. Armstrong, vice-chairman of the local board; Mrs. H. W. Neely, secretary; Mrs. S. S. Hockett, treasurer; Miss Lucy Hatch, auditor, and Mrs. S. L. Wiley, district president, all unite enthusiastically in this labor of love, that as you come giving us the inspiration of your presence and experience, we in turn may give from the fullness of our hearts cordial greetings and hospitality.

NORTHERN DISTRICT CONVENTION

Keenly incisive and succinct in its analysis of the *raison d'être* of club life among women and couched in an eloquence born of knowledge and accentuated by an absence of florid polysyllabism, the annual address of its retiring district president, Mrs. G. W. McCoy, constituted in itself a striking feature of the convention of the Northern district, C. F. W. C., which concluded its three-day session at Oroville, March 14. It was as well a contribution to club literature of the state worthy preservation for its just and discriminatory presentation of the lessons of experience and the hopes of the future.

"I believe strongly in club life for women," said Mrs. McCoy. "If you ask why, I repeat the answer I have given in many of the clubs when addressing them—because it adds culture, subtracts selfishness, multiplies our usefulness, and divides our joy and sorrow.

"I have been asked a great many times if I really believe club work was worth while. I answer, Yes, if education is worth while; if clean as well as pure foods are worth while; if better conditions for women and children are worth while; if organized effort to help the poor, the needy, and those who have faltered by the wayside, is worth while; if a more scientific knowledge and practice of domestic science is worth while; if higher and better standards of morality are worth while; if a better understanding of the fulness of life, with its privileges and responsibilities, is worth while;—then I say most emphatically club life is worth while and that club life which is directed by co-operation in our state federation.

"The greatest value of the club movement of today is the influence of the club upon woman herself. She has become a better homemaker and housekeeper because the domestic science work of the federated club has given her a new understanding of the

beauty of a well ordered home, where housekeeping includes a knowledge of food values, chemistry, sanitation and harmony.

"She has become a better mother because she meets and becomes acquainted and compares notes with other mothers.

"She has come in touch with the great questions of the world, which her children must face, and she is able to guide them into paths of greater safety.

"Club work makes woman broader in her sympathies. It gives her an interest beyond petty gossip. It buries personal spites and jealousies, and perhaps, best of all, it has united women of all classes and creeds, and in this Northern district, which covers twenty counties, we have formed a mighty chain of earnest, active clubwomen, reaching from Siskiyou to San Francisco and eastward to the state line, a chain which binds California womanhood into a vast army of workers for the benefit of humanity."

The keynote of the convention, if a gathering of such catholic interests can be said to have had a keynote, was that of the practical good which it lies within the province of a woman's club to accomplish. Representatives of clubs from Susanville, Grass Valley, Fair Oaks, Rocklin, Lincoln, Auburn and Roseville told of general clean-ups effected, physically and morally, in their communities. These activities for the most part were directed to the securing of public parks, squares, clubhouses and gymnasiums and civic beautification. The business sessions and social gatherings, held in the Congregational church, the Masonic hall, the public library and the Gardella theater, were liberally attended by the public at large and the lessons exemplified were not lost on it.

Representing the state federation proper were its president, Mrs. James W. Orr; vice-president, Mrs. A. A.

Goddard; Miss Jessica Lee Briggs, Mrs. A. A. Denniston and Mrs. Percy L. Shuman. All of these took an active part in the program, Mrs. Orr in particular making a powerful plea for the extension of club work throughout the entire state and setting forth in a gracious and convincing way the necessity for co-operation to the ends to be accomplished.

Taking their cue from the action of the state federation, the committee on resolutions, headed by Mrs. George Purnell, reported an unqualified endorsement of legislative bills providing for a health certificate for marriage, a minimum wage, joint guardianship, the red-light injunction and abatement act and others.

Mrs. B. N. Rideout, of Marysville, chairman of the civil service section, was prevented by illness from attending and presenting in person the results of her important work. Mrs. A. A. Goddard, vice-president of the state federation, acted as substitute and paid a glowing tribute to the work of Mrs. Rideout in the securing of civil service reform and specifically to the endeavors in prisons, jails, asylums and hospitals which have made Mrs. Rideout known and loved through the length of the state. Mrs. Goddard also presented the message of Mrs. Emily Karns, state chairman of civil service reform, urging the careful study by club women of the Hewitt, Clark, Benedict and Woodley bills, their discussion in club meetings and the results forwarded to the legislature by letter or personal interview—all to the end of securing a good civil service law.

In addition to the topics outlined, special mention is merited by the address of Allison Ware, president of Chico normal school, on "Public Opinion and Public Education," and a symposium on "Prominent Women of Today," presented by Mrs. J. H. Karsner, Mrs. George C. Mansfield, Miss Vesta Vail, Mrs. E. W. Ehmann, Dr. C. Hall, Mrs. Joseph Marks and Mrs. C. S. Cline. Women in business, science,

politics, philanthropy, society and home life were taken up by these speakers.

The last of the three days of sessions was especially fruitful of interesting addresses. Among them may be mentioned that on "History and Landmarks," by Mrs. R. Tuttle, "Conservation and Forestry," by Mrs. A. F. Jones, "Home Economics," by Mrs. Frank Krebs, district chairman, "Domestic Science," by Miss Clara Monday, of the Chico state normal, "Health," by Mrs. C. E. Thompson, and "The Balkan Question," by Mrs. C. H. Adams.

Perhaps the prettiest single feature of the program was the presentation to the retiring president, Mrs. McCoy, of a purse for the purchase of a stereopticon for the illustration of her many public addresses. The presentation was made by Mrs. Walton on behalf of the delegates and the tribute of love and appreciation moved the gentle "Mother of the Northern District" almost to tears.

The report of the nominating committee was adopted without a dissenting vote and the following new officers were named: President, Mrs. A. F. Jones, of Oroville, heretofore chairman of the local board; vice-president, Mrs. A. M. Seymour, of Sacramento; recording secretary, Mrs. J. G. Wooley, of Chico; corresponding secretary, Miss Leila Boynton, of Oroville; auditor, Mrs. J. M. Lovell, of Auburn; treasurer, Miss Emily Hopkin, of Yolo.

The most notable of the semi-social events was the presentation of Shakespeare's "As You Like It," by the members of the Monday club of Oroville. The leading parts were taken by Mrs. J. B. Hughes, Miss Pauline Warner and Miss Leslie Jones, sustained by a remarkable aggregation of amateur talent.

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LOS ANGELES DISTRICT CONVENTION

"Beginning with hospitality and closing with information" is State President Mrs. James W. Orr's terse summary of the twelfth annual convention of the Los Angeles district, C. F. W. C., which was held at Monrovia, March 26, 27, and 28. But little better characterization of the gathering could be made in seven words. A sidelight of less concentration but equal force is supplied by a few of the resolutions adopted by the convention. For example:

A club composed of telephone girls was invited to become part of the district federation. The so-called directoire, hobble and peek-a-boo styles of dress were unreservedly condemned as indecent. A protest was lodged against the eight-hour law for student nurses. Sympathy and aid was extended the sufferers in Ohio. "Home training and home efficiency" was made a sort of slogan.

Ninety-seven clubs and twelve thousand women were represented at Monrovia—the largest convention in the history of the Los Angeles district. The actual number of delegates and presidents present was 217. A new mark for California districts to shoot at was set from the floor of the convention with the statement that the Los Angeles district now has the largest number of club houses owned by the clubs themselves of any in the state. The delegates themselves were authority for the statement that the period ended by the convention was the most important in its history.

Beautiful though it was in a bower of yellow jonquils, the Monrovia clubhouse, where the sessions began, was inadequate to the size of the audiences and an adjournment to the auditorium of the Baptist church was soon necessary. The program, prepared under the general direction of Mrs. Clark Marsh, president of the Monrovia Woman's club and a corps of efficient helpers, was a success from beginning

to end. One of its notable features lay in the Round Table conferences, which were held every morning as a sort of clearing-house of ideas. The council of presidents, presided over by Mrs. William Baurhyte, served a like purpose to the department heads.

The formal opening of the convention found Mrs. James W. Orr, president of the State Federation, in the chair, and was marked by felicitous addresses by Mrs. Clark Marsh, Mrs. Calvin Hartwell and Mrs. W. C. Mushet, president of the district federation. A noteworthy plea in the interests of international and industrial peace was given by Dr. William Carter, secretary of the International Peace Conference. One of the principal points made by Dr. Carter was what he termed the desirability of instilling the peace-element in the schools by discouraging the use of warlike songs and marches.

On Thursday reports of other district chairmen were heard and unanimous endorsement was given telegraphic suggestion from Mrs. Marion Hawley Swan that individual pressure be exerted on the legislature in favor of the health certificate for marriage bill. Miss Zona Gale, national chairman of civics, spoke on the development of civics in small towns, suggesting the appointment of municipal directors of recreation, the personal supervision by women of civic cleanliness until properly impressed upon the authorities, the establishment of children's auxiliaries and home gardens and the introduction into the high and grade schools of systematic training in citizenship and morals.

A stirring message from the down-trodden women of Persia was carried to the women of the Occident by Dr. Fred C. Coan, long a Persian missionary. Mrs. Calvin Hartwell spoke in the interests of the Sarah Platt Decker memorial fund and laid emphasis on the fact that this general endowment fund of the National Federation may

find the collateral for its investment in Southern California. In a brief address Mrs. James W. Orr made an eloquent plea for the support of "measures, not men; principles, not parties; issues, not special interests." Discussion of Mrs. Orr's trilogy was led by Mrs. Russell J. Waters and Mrs. Imogene Jones.

Features of Friday's program were addresses by Mrs. Susan Dorsey, assistant superintendent of Los Angeles public schools, on "Vocational Education"—essentially reproduced elsewhere in this issue of *The Clubwoman*—and by Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles on "Peace." To many of those present a new light on a serious problem was thrown by James Springer in his address on "Some Phases of the Immigration Problem with the Opening of the Panama Canal."

Perfect unanimity was manifested in the adoption of the report of the nominating committee and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. W. C. Mushet, Los Angeles, re-elected; vice-president, Mrs. James Beatty, Los Angeles; recording secretary, Miss Edith Morgan, Monrovia; corresponding secretary, Mrs. George Brewer, Los Angeles, re-elected; treasurer, Mrs. L. B. Hogue, Ventura; auditor, Mrs. Henry J. Fininger, Santa Barbara.

A subject which lies very close to the heart of the loyal California clubwoman was reported upon by Mrs. Henry De Nyse on the projected redistricting of the State Federation. It is of special interest at this time, on the eve of the state convention, when the matter will be taken up. The plan, as outlined by Mrs. De Nyse, provides for the division of the state into nine districts instead of six as at present, and will cut heavily into Los Angeles district, now the largest of the six. The following shows the proposed new districting:

Eureka District—Mendocino, Hum-

boldt, Del Norte, Sonoma, Solano, Lake, Napa and Yolo counties.

San Francisco District—San Francisco, Marin and San Mateo counties.

Alameda District—Alameda, Contra Costa, Tuolumne, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and San Benito counties.

Sacramento District—All of the present Northern district except Yolo and Inyo counties.

Fresno District—All of the present San Joaquin district.

Santa Barbara District—Santa Barbara, Ventura, Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties.

Los Angeles District—Los Angeles and Inyo counties.

Riverside District—Riverside, Orange, San Bernardino and perhaps part of the Los Angeles district, that about Pomona, Claremont and vicinity.

San Diego District—San Diego and Imperial counties.

Special commendation is due the program committee for the success of the Monrovia convention. It was composed of Mrs. W. J. Slater, Mrs. W. C. Mushet and Mrs. J. H. Francis. Of the miscellaneous activities of the convention, mention should be made of the decision to co-operate with John S. McGroarty, author of the Mission Play, in swelling the proceeds of Club Day at San Gabriel and to devote them to the fund for building a fountain on El Camino Real. Some meaty ideas on the subject of landscape beautification in general were given in an address by Aurele Vermeulen.

While of necessity rigidly subordinated to the serious business of the gathering, the social side was not neglected and the gracious hospitality of the Monrovia hostesses did much to relieve the strain of concentrated effort. Social teas were held in the evenings and automobile rides through the picturesque surrounding country served as grateful relaxation for the visitors.

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VOCATION TRAINING AND THE SCHOOLS

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At the outset of any discussion of vocational training it is important to ask "What is the object of such training?"

Training in a vocation will many times save a child to the school. It often happens that the child of fourteen years has grown weary of the school routine. He fails to see the connection between the subjects he is studying and the great alluring world, beckoning him to a "job" with promises of good, round dollars as a reward. It is just here that vocational training by its inviting and useful aspect holds the child in school. It appeals to the one who is not especially intelligent, the one unfortunately envired, and the one who has not a sufficiently keen imagination to respond to the stimulus of the exclusively intellectual studies.

A second object of vocational training, and the one most important is the preparing of boys and girls to do some

one thing well so that they may enter the world of work as bread-winners better equipped to cope with its exigencies. Competition is too keen and the working hours too precious for employers to spend in teaching apprentices so the demand comes with a swell of emphasis for boys and girls who know how to do things before entering upon service.

Room for this training should be made in the public schools. It is too important to leave to the chance philanthropy of a great-hearted man or woman. It is full of significance when such a group of men as the Commercial club of Chicago through its Educational Committee enters upon a thorough study of this subject and carries that study through to the point where a working plan for the state of Illinois is evolved, even to the details of the necessary taxation. A similar study of the situation is now being un-

dertaken in Buffalo. On our own coast the city of Portland has recently set aside the sum of \$7,000 to be spent in an educational survey of that city, with Professor Elwood Cubberly as expert adviser and organizer. Professor Cubberly has asked Mr. John H. Francis, superintendent of schools in Los Angeles, to assist in this survey, one purpose of which is to evolve a plan for vocational work.

A third object of this training is to serve the social and economic interests of the life of the community. Much of our social unrest is the direct outcome of entrance upon the industrial life without sufficient preparation for its demands. Unable to earn a decent living the incompetent boys and girls, in their young bewilderment, fall into the course of least resistance and attempt to gain a living by base and criminal means. In the end society must care for their ruined bodies and ruined souls. Or industrial misfits, who drop into the first employment which comes their way, without guidance, and without preparation, endure the strain for a time, but at last, bitter from the galling mistake, they become our dangerous and troublesome agitators.

Another argument for vocational training is the economic gain to society from industrial efficiency. It is not altogether because employers are willing to produce cheap articles and defraud the public, that so much of the modern output of the industrial world is below par. It is partly because the employer cannot command efficient labor.

These then, are the advantages to come from vocational training, a longer period spent in school with all the broadening of vision and intensifying of power which that means, a race of young people better equipped to cope with the exigencies of the industrial world and lastly a serving of the social and economic interests of the community.

The work should be done in no spirit of the fad. The needs of a particular

community should first be carefully studied. Not every school can wisely attempt training in a great variety of vocations. Concentration along groups of kindred vocations will conduce to economy while many schools will provide no vocational training whatever.

There should be two classes of industrial schools. The first class is designed to aid those young people who have already begun work and must continue their occupation because of the necessity of self-support. Such schools are sometimes called continuation schools. The instruction in these schools should be of a nature to help the young persons directly in their work, to increase their skill or to afford a knowledge of processes for which no opportunity is afforded in their own shop, thereby saving the workman from the deadening effect of repeating day by day for a life-time the same monotonous process. A large part of the instruction not purely technical is common to all vocations, such as lessons in English, arithmetic, writing, composition, lessons in promptness, alertness, courtesy, careful handling of goods, regard for employer's interests, regard for purchaser's interests.

Beside these continuation schools there should be schools where children may spend the entire day for one or two years in serious preparation for practical work with much time and effort given to purely technical training leading to a particular vocation. So far as possible the real conditions of the industrial world should be reproduced in this school community.

Those who teach in these schools should be practical men and women who have had experience in the industrial field, who therefore know what the actual needs are and where the workers most often fail. They must also be persons who appreciate that everything which increases the critical judgment and enlarges the realm of experience is of the greatest value in preparing for any work and

while in these industrial schools the vocation should have the central place other subjects should not be omitted or minimized. In no other line of school work is success quite so completely dependent on the teacher, upon his comprehension of the problem, his adaptability, his sympathy, and his broad, practical experience.

Beside the teacher, there should be an officer known as the vocational adviser. His duty is threefold, to help the boys and girls, to help the parents and indirectly to help the employer. This adviser should have a general view of the whole situation, should be able to inform boys and girls who de-

sire to learn a trade as to the character and possibilities of each.

When appropriate vocational training is given by competent instructors and when our boys and girls have guidance in making their choice, then we shall be able to send out young people who possess some "ability and confidence along the line of self support" and who will be of immediate value in the industrial world. Speed, experience, efficiency, promotion in their chosen line of work will follow, and many a boy and girl who now fall out by the way will grow into happy home-makers and useful citizens.

DISTRICT NEWS

SAN FRANCISCO.

The San Francisco District Council, held in San Francisco, March 8th, at the Bellevue Hotel and graciously presided over by Mrs. Percy L. Shuman, district president, was typically San Franciscan. San Francisco presidents were the hostesses—the speakers were San Franciscans, the music was written by San Francisco composers. Mrs. E. G. Denniston, whose fame as an executive officer was proclaimed at the biennial convention, was chairman of the day. She opened the council with a well chosen, scholarly address. Mrs. Shuman followed with a cordial, sincere word of welcome and presented the guest of honor, Mrs. J. W. Orr, who responded in her own inimitable way. Mrs. Orr's theme was: "Hopes and Hobbies"—in which she fervently proclaimed the hopes and discreetly disclaimed the hobbies.

For the Open Forum four principal speakers had been selected on four themes of club work—Civic, Educational, Social and Industrial, Universal or Philanthropic. Four of the best speakers in San Francisco led these discussions, each presenting his thoughts in a clear, forcible way and within a time limit. Mrs. Lewis Aubury, corresponding secretary, acted as official time-keeper, allowing ten

minutes to each of the four leading speakers, one minute for the San Francisco presidents who took up the thread in each discussion.

The first subject, "Women in the City's Affairs," was discussed by Mr. Edward Rainey, secretary to Mayor Rolph. The discussion was led by Mrs. A. P. Black, president of the California club, and participated in by Mrs. J. D. Jessup, president of the Corona club; Mrs. J. S. MacDonald, president of the Dorian club; Mrs. George Fairchild, president of the New England Colony; Mrs. J. W. Felt, president of the Richmond club; Mrs. J. J. Buchanan, president of the Railway Mail Association, and Mrs. Lillian Harris Coffin, president of the New Era League.

The second subject, "Modern Methods in Education," was treated of by Dr. A. A. D'Ancona, president of the Board of Education. Discussion was led by Mrs. Ella M. Sexton, chairman of the Educational Committee, and followed by Mrs. Henry Sahlein, president of the Philomath club, Mrs. Christine Hart, president of the Laurel Hall club; Mrs. F. H. Jones, president of the Clonian club, and Dr. Mary McCracken, president of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae.

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Industrial." Mr. Aaron Sapiro, secretary of the Industrial Accident Board, made the principal address. The discussion was led by Dr. Marian Bertola, president of the Vittoria Colonna. She was followed by Mrs. I. Lowenberg, president of the Pacific Coast Women's Press Association; Mrs. Emma Seaton, president of the Mothers' Club; Mrs. S. Simons, president of the Dolores club.

The "What Shall I Wear?" discussion was led by Mrs. Lillian Harris Coffin, president of the New Era League, and joined in by members of the San Francisco board on "Dress." Miss Jessica Briggs, corresponding secretary, C. F. W. C.; Miss Jennie Partridge, chairman Civic Committee; Mrs. Rose Berry, chairman of the Art Committee; Mrs. Arthur Cornwall; Mrs. James Crawford, California club, and Mrs. Percy S. King, vice-president of the San Francisco district, whose forceful argument for the simpler gowning of club women won for her rousing applause.

The fourth subject, "Our Part in the World's Work," was dealt with by Mrs. Frederick Sanborn, president of the women's board, Panama Pacific Exposition. The discussion was led by Mrs. E. G. Denniston, chairman of the day, and followed by Mrs. George Mullin, president of To Kalon; Mrs. Edward Coleman, president of the Papyrus; Madame Emilia Tojetti, and Mrs. Norman Martin, chairman of the Programme Committee.

The music for this District Council was of particular interest. Two young San Francisco composers, Miss Dorothy Crawford and Miss Rosalie Hausmann, were contributors to the day's pleasure. Mrs. Richard Rees, the lyric soprano singer, interpreted these songs in a delightful way. Other music for the day was given by "The Californians," a trio of local musicians, and Mr. Charles Goetting, and Mr. Prosper Reiter, all of whom kept the plan of California compositions. Miss Pasmore was at the piano. Mrs. M. Orton sang two selections by Dr. H. J. Stewart.

But the council was not all programme, nor was it music, nor yet was it just a social gathering—although these features merited the commendation received. In every speech, in every discussion, in every sentiment voiced by those in attendance there was evinced a firm determination among the club women to deepen rather than to broaden the scope of their hopes, their plans, and their ambitions.

LOS ANGELES.

Much local interest centers about the "Arroyo Seco Park." Mrs. Andrew Stewart Lobingier is leading the work and agitation for the preservation of this dry river bed as a part of a park system, extending from the mountains to the sea.

Saturday, April 5, was set aside as a time when representative men and women from civic clubs of Los Angeles should inspect this natural park, which it is hoped may be conserved for the city.

Coleman House settlement, founded by Mrs. J. E. Coleman, is fast becoming one of the city's valuable and useful institutions, and many people have recently signified a desire to donate funds and other means of assistance, that it may accomplish the work planned.

There is still great need of volunteer teachers of English and sewing, and Mrs. Coleman believes that young men and women of patriotic tendency and interest, who feel that the use of the English language is compatible with good citizenship, will greatly help in the pioneer work of this settlement.

The first reciprocity day ever given by the Ebell Club of Los Angeles, occurred Monday, March 3, and will long be remembered by those who attended. It was known as "Legislative Day."

Luncheon was served at noon, at which time the president of the club, Mrs. W. L. Jones, in her charming way, welcomed the guests and introduced Mrs. R. J. Waters as special mistresses of ceremonies. Mrs. Waters called for responses to "Reciprocity—Past, Present and Future." Among the

many clever replies heard, were those from Mrs. W. S. Bartlett, Mrs. W. C. Mushet, Mrs. Calvin Hartwell, Mrs. William Baurhyte, Mrs. Clarence Van Graham, and Mrs. Florence Collins Porter. Mrs. Mary Howard Gridley expressed herself strikingly.

"Reciprocity meetings of the dim past have been like the firing of blank cartridges, much noise, with small results," she said. "In 'Reciprocity Present' we bring our rose-leaves of thought, pour them into the great pot-pourri jar of reciprocity. When we leave the meeting we take with us as many of the mixed leaves of thought as we like, mould them into a reciprocity rosary—and wear it that it may give forth their fragrance. In the future we shall be like the Marconi wireless, come to the meetings with our mental receivers attuned to the same pitch as the most progressive senders, thereby receiving each message in harmonious condition in which it is sent; instantly utilizing it for ourselves and for others."

The program for the afternoon was called "Men and Measures in the State Legislature." State legislators and club women presented a general survey, speaking on the subjects, "The Present Status of Federation," "Endorsed Bills," "New Ideals in Legislation," "Educational Measures," "Labor Legislation," "Human Conservation."

The East Whittier Woman's club has been studying the political situation in China. At a recent Wednesday afternoon meeting, papers were heard on "History of the Present Leaders of China and the New Government," by Mrs. W. S. Morse, and "Governmental Events; the Latest Development in China," by Mrs. F. C. Thompson.

The bulletin of programs of the Hollywood Woman's club, for the remainder of the season promises many interesting and delightful days. Music, woman, birds, reciprocity and fairy tales, each plays a part.

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writer and teacher and an authority on art and design, appeared before Ébell club of Los Angeles, the afternoon of March 21. His lecture, with stereopticon slides on "Cathedral Builders," was most interesting. He explained the various types and styles that go to the formation of Gothic churches, and stated that hardly any structures of the past had been finished as planned, due to the lack of knowledge possessed by the builders.

After the lecture, tea was served; the following acting as hostesses: Mrs. James W. Beam, Mrs. Walter Valliket, Mrs. Allan Aldrich, Mrs. Judson Davis, Miss Fannie Adams, Mrs. C. C. Cottle, Mrs. G. S. Watson, Mrs. Augusta Lamb, Mrs. Clifford Smalley, Mrs. Harry Woods Bates, and Mrs. E. C. Lyon.

SAN JOAQUIN.

Of late the matter foremost before the clubs of San Joaquin Valley has been that of conventions. Early in April came the delightful district meeting in Modesto; and April 29 there is to open in Fresno what is heralded as the most successful state convention ever held in California.

A luncheon was given at Hotel Fresno, March 31, by the members of San Joaquin district board, to Mrs. S. L. Wiley, the retiring president of the district.

The entire membership of the Parlor Lecture club, Fresno, was invited by its civic department, to attend an interesting meeting the afternoon of March 20, when Johannes Reimers lectured on "The City Beautiful." A musical program arranged by Mrs. J. Ed. Hughes, followed and was participated in by Miss Signe Christie, Miss Martha Harris and Miss Maude Hohmann.

The Wednesday club of Fresno met at the home of Mrs. S. S. Hockett, on March 19th. The study period was devoted to the subject "Sociology," Mrs. M. F. McCormick acting as leader. Mrs. J. S. Bates gave a talk on "Education," discussing at length the Montessori system of teaching, which has been adopted in public schools in Switzerland as well as in schools of other countries.

March 19, the Leisure Hour club of Fresno spent the afternoon at the home of Mrs. Frank Hickman, studying Shakespeare's "Henry V," and the afternoon of Friday, March 21, the Madison club met at the home of Mrs. S. J. Samuelson, and listened to papers on travel in Germany, read by Mrs. L. A. Schrivens, Mrs. Goff Glenn and Mrs. S. J. Samuelson.

A pretty token of appreciation of hospitality enjoyed is a consignment of 100 books, presented by the Women's Forum, of New York, to the members of the Mary Williams club, of Avalon. Subscriptions to the American Club Woman and the Women's Political World were made a part of the gift—a graceful acknowledgment of the efforts of the Catalinians in behalf of the Forum members en route to the biennial in San Francisco.

More than ordinary attention is due the work in prison reforms being conducted by the California Badger club under the immediate direction of Mrs. Elizabeth Baker Bohan. The club's parole fund has just been used for the seventh time and in each of the preceding cases the prisoner released has repaid the money advanced, employment having been found for him before he left the penitentiary. In this manner the work is made to perpetuate itself.

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A HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The Monday club of Eureka, pioneer woman's club in Humboldt county, has just celebrated its twelfth birthday. The membership was originally limited to twenty-four, but there are now sixteen associate members, who act as an appreciative audience.

In its study, the club has covered a wide range of subjects, including "Rome," "Holland," "The American Immigrant," "Japan" and current topics. What are called the play days of the organization have been varied and interesting, including everything from April Fool parties to Colonial dinners.

The club is unselfish in its desire to see more clubs spring up throughout the county and practically every town now has one or more, due not infrequently to its influence and help. It was also responsible for the forming of a very successful county federation, organized in January, 1907, at Eureka. Through its initiative, an ordinance prohibiting expectation on walks was passed; due to it was the "Humboldt County Stone" placed in the pedestal of the Sloat monument at Monterey. Perhaps the greatest accomplishment, the one in which the organization takes the most pride was the establishment of manual training in the public schools. Later, the board

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need of forest conservation. By the removal of the forest cover devastating floods occur, towns are inundated, business is paralyzed, agricultural prospects are destroyed, not to speak of the loss of human life.

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ley will be at Camp Curry, for the week's stay, the principal event of which will be the banquet at the foot of Glacier Point. Mrs. T. C. Hoxie, 1507 L street, Fresno, is chairman in charge.

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So much snow in the park at this time of the year and a chance for a still further fall means a prolonged season for the water falls, famous the world over for their beauty of setting, their great height and volume. Foreigners travel far for a hasty glimpse of the wonders of the great National Park and go away pronouncing them magnificent. But, oddly enough, the average resident of California has been indifferent to the scenic marvels practically at his doors, apparently preferring much more expensive trips to resorts much less attractive.

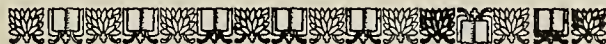
However, California's great playground is steadily gaining in the appreciation of her own with each succeeding season, both as a national scenic asset and as something distinctly Californian. The influence of the women of the state, and more particularly of the club women who have never failed in their patriotic support of the national parks, is to be given large credit for the growing realization that the park and the valley belong to the people.

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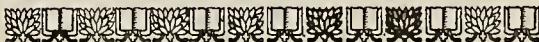
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EDITORIAL

At the moment of writing it looks very much as though the still strong reactionary element of California will have reason to remember those portions of the legislative sessions of the General Assembly of 1913, which had their chief impetus and inspiration from the women of the state, and more particularly from the State Federation of Women's Clubs. A number of the bills supported by the Federation are now actually engrossed upon the statute books and others, regarded as of equal importance, have every prospect of passage before final adjournment. Among the latter may be mentioned the mothers' pension bill, the health certificate for marriage bill, the minimum wage bill, the joint guardianship bill, and that raising the majority of girls. It is true that not all of these are cast as the women believe that they should be cast, but, by comparison with previous achievements at Sacramento, the progress made is remarkable.

The greatest single victory of the session, to date at least, lies in the passage of the injunction and abatement bill modeled upon the Iowa act, and which was decisively defeated in California two years ago. Bitterly fought through both houses and up to the very inkwell of the Governor by legislators who believe its effect will be to scatter instead of eradicate vice, the law will become effective in a little more than two months. That it will have to fight its way through a referendum election appears probable, but of its ultimate triumph few express any doubt.

The abatement act, aimed directly

at the segregation of vice through making possible the securing of an injunction against the owner of a suspected house, is one in the category of measures concerning which no amount of theorizing is worth a row of pins. The contention that vice cannot be legislated out of existence any more than can intemperance is as plausible on its face as that it may be eradicated by a process of relentless pursuit from pillar to post. The lesson of experience, the lone criterion by which the fruits of the act in California may be pre-judged, is that its operation so markedly lessens the conditions fought against as to promptly justify itself. For example, the mayor of Des Moines, where the law has now been in effect for four years, is authority for the statement that it has in that time diminished the social evil by four-fifths.

The Sword of Damocles

It is a notable fact and one which will survive in California's political annals that the first typical example of the recall as applied to the judiciary was begun, conducted and carried to a successful issue by women voters. Not only that, but they nominated a successor and placed him in office with the same ballots that recalled the one found unworthy of his trust.

The downfall of Police Judge Charles L. Weller, of San Francisco, is not, of itself, of special importance, nor is the election to his place of Wiley F. Crist, the attorney whom the women put forward and elected. The

facts in the case were not attractive. But it was not at a petty police magistrate nor at his weak-kneed "political" methods that the women struck. The real object of the recall election was the rotten political system which made it possible for Weller and Weller's methods to exist as a menace to inviolate womanhood.

The extension of the recall to the judiciary has been long and bitterly fought by the so-called "stand-pat" element on the ground that the courts, to be efficient in their magisterial powers, must not be hampered in passing unbiased judgment by the fear of offending the voters. Assuming that judges are not as other men, subject to the petty lures of personal or political gain, the argument is plausible enough. But the fear of the Damocleian sword suspended above his head did not deter Weller from reducing the bail of Hendricks, accused of a heinous crime against womanhood, to a figure where Hendricks could secure his release and flee the state.

It was not the first instance where a man accused of a crime making for the destruction of womanhood had been enabled to easily escape the hand of justice. Weller himself pleaded in his own defense that in reducing the bail he was merely following the custom of police courts in such cases—and it was true. But the falling sword woke echoes that are thus curtly summarized in the report of the Associated Press upon the case:

"One effect of the charges brought against Weller was the tightening of bail in all the city police courts, not only in connection with white slavery cases but in various others, even simple misdemeanors."

The Club Woman Endorsed

It is a source of considerable gratification to the editors of this journal that, in the face of formidable competition for the honor, the California Federation of Women's clubs in the state convention at Fresno has again endorsed The Club Woman as its official organ. On the record of the past and

the hope of the future we are glad to have been found worthy of the trust. It is the ambition of The Club Woman to faithfully and adequately mirror the policies of the federation and to record in fitting and enduring form achievements which are making history, not only for California, but for the world's women. To the end that The Club Woman may really represent the federation, a corporate whole of harmonious units, we earnestly appeal to the individual clubs of the state for support and co-operation.

Half-Baked Law Making

To justify itself, legislation must correct some existing evil, meet some general need or demand or provide for some future contingency. The anti-alien land bill just passed by the California legislature is an excellent example of an act which fulfills none of the requirements. Twenty square miles out of 158,000 square miles of California land are owned by Japs. The number of that race in the state is now several thousand less than it was three years ago. There has been no general demand for anti-alien legislation. On the contrary, the principal realty boards and chambers of commerce of the state have unqualifiedly condemned the Webb bill as foolish, spiteful and the potential cause of costly and needless reprisals. That it will not stand either the test of constitutionality or the fool-killing fire of the referendum there appears to be no doubt. That the Webb act will die by one route or the other is to be hoped.

Why Not Cut Flowers?

About the most surprising statement which the now nation-wide chain of investigations of the vice conditions among women has evolved is that quoted as appearing in the report of an investigator of the Illinois women's reformatory committee of the Illinois democratic league. It is to the effect that one of the principal reasons why the women in Joliet prison are hard to reclaim is that their jailers deny them

corsets and pretty clothes while serving their sentences for crime. A stay-less woman, continues this remarkable report, cannot be good. Given the sort of clothes they would like, it is set out that such women will make better wives for average men than the girls to be met in society. That there is an essential relation between a woman's appearance and her self-respect is generally admitted, but to argue that giving a criminal pretty clothes will reform and make her more desirable as a wife than the girls of good breeding and good families is merely supplying ammunition to the enemy.

Vox Populi

That neither kings nor plutocracies, however stiff of neck, weigh much in the balance against the people in bulk had a rather spectacular exemplification at Brussels the other day when the strike of a third of a million Belgian workmen for the equitable distribution of the government's somewhat peculiar right of the ballot was "compromised"—the compromise consisting in the concession to the strikers of what they struck for. As a result of that mighty demonstration the clerical party, in undisturbed possession of the driver's seat for the last twenty years, is in a bad state of disintegration and, as the spellbinder hath it, "the people rule." One of the bitterest lessons of history, however, is that there is such a thing as intoxication of power. It is frequently easier to seize the reins of government than to wisely hold them afterward. The under dog has our sympathies always but at least the under dog has no responsibility to bear.

The Waters of Lethe

April 15 of this year was the first anniversary of the most terrible disaster in modern annals of the sea—the sinking of the Titanic. For a month after that unhallowed entombing of more than fifteen hundred human beings,

among them a score of great men, the "story" led every news report and editorial column. The anniversary got about four sticks in the great metropolitan dailies and most of that was about the indignant denial of the widow of one of the distinguished victims of a report that she would strew flowers on the waters where her husband perished. The same phenomenon of popular forgetfulness has been characteristic of every appalling happening in our history—the Johnstown flood, the Iroquois fire, the San Francisco earthquake, the burning of the General Slocum—there is much hubbub for a while and then the newspaper-reading public hastens on its tumultuous way as though with the cry of "Next!" Cynics have frequently poured out whole bottles of wrath upon this subject but after all, aside from attempting to prevent its repetition, what is the use of remembering the horror? There are too many pleasant things to think of.

Ragtime's Funeral March

Though unwritten, unrendered and not even appearing on the printed programs of the April gathering of the National Federation of Music Clubs of Chicago, one of the principal numbers of the great symposium of American music which featured the convention was the death-dirge of the syncopated melody dear to the cabaret and the vaudeville stage. Ragtime can, however, scarcely be said to have been conspicuous by its absence, for it was made the object of a brilliant attack by Mrs. Nellie Strong Stevenson in her address upon the advancement of art. The kind of music which assails the educated ear as a sort of instrumental locomotor ataxia was unqualifiedly condemned by the federation. The action, while it may not immediately put the "popular hit" industry out of business, will at least strike a chord of harmony in the soul of every neighbor of a cheap phonograph in the land.

The Bait of the Ballot

It is a more or less open secret that one of the motives which moved the members of Alaska's first legislature to unanimously pass the first bill submitted to them—that granting the suffrage to women—was the idea that a much-needed feminine population might thereby be attracted to the frozen north. It is, however, scarcely fair to assume that Alaska believes the pleasure of voting to be, *per se*, a sufficient lure to provide her settlers with helpmates. The action of the territorial legislature was intended as the first of a series which will establish a real equality between the sexes, in so far as it lies within their power to do so. That situation is one that holds out real attractions. Nor is it to be denied that the sort of women responding to such a tacit invitation are the sort to make desirable wives for a race of hardy pioneers.

Where All Signs Fail

Our idea of a thankless task is that of the weather man—or, more accurately, the man to whom, by virtue of his government commission, the skeptical proletariat who looks for its daily estimate of the balance of probabilities as to the safety of a new spring bonnet in the absence of an umbrella. No gratitude is his for his inestimable services in furnishing the material for a comfortably unstudied prelude to seven out of ten casual conversations. His mistakes are seized upon with ghoulish glee; his accurate predictions are received with chilly mental reservations touching on the law of probabilities that will keep anyone from being wrong all the time. It isn't fair. In his own language it's cold and cloudy. Even now the carp-ers are finding unkind justification for their attitude in the inability of Willis L. Moore, chief of the weather bureau itself, to forecast the biggest storm that ever came within his experience—the one that literally blew him out of office at the hands of President Wilson.

QUILL SPLUTTERINGS.

The women of New York have declared war on rats. In the absence of further information it is assumed that the four-footed kind are meant.

We would rather be right than be president. We would rather be almost anything than a democratic president in the first open season for plum pie in sixteen years.

If telegraphed accounts of the annual election of the Daughters of the American Revolution are correct the members of that organization inherited something beside a list of distinguished names from their fighting forbears.

Perplexed, he sought the sage's advice. "Look before you leap," quoted the graybeard. Worshipping, the inquirer withdrew and spread the fame of the sage abroad in the land. Again, more puzzled than before, he sought the wise man. "He who hesitates is lost," said the oracle, and lo, he became more famous than ever.

There is hope yet. The state of California made an appropriation this year to cover the expenses of James McGillvray on a "search for beneficial insects." James went into the highways and byways and found \$92.20 worth of beneficial insects more than the law allowed. Whereat, in a burst of gratitude, the state made up the deficit.

This year's decision of Paris is that "hobble skirts will be tighter than ever." Once there was a philosopher who used to buttonhole passers-by with the grave query: "Would you rather be a bigger fool than you look or look to be a bigger fool than you are?" The one questioned would ponder and choose. Whatever his answer the philosopher would reply: "Impossible!"

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

I desire to call the attention of the clubwomen to some of the results and conclusions of the twelfth annual state convention.

The "Club Woman" was again adopted as the official organ of the C. F. W. C. and all of our members are urged to subscribe for it, so it may be as helpful and effective as possible during the ensuing year.

The districts were left as they have always been. No change was effected at the recent convention, despite the discussion that ensued. Inadvertently—but perhaps providentially—the subject of redistricting was omitted from the official "call" for the convention. This made it impossible to submit the question as an amendment.

The report of the re-districting committee was not satisfactory to the delegates. They showed no apparent desire to change. The question is resubmitted to the clubs and district presidents are requested to discuss it at their coming conventions to the end that, at the next state meeting, some plan will be formulated which will be agreeable to the majority. The committee on redistricting will continue.

Reorganization of departments was left to the judgment of the executive board and will become operative this year. The new year book will present

the new order, which is now only in arrangement, as all of the work the federation has been doing is included, with some additions recommended by the general federation.

We must have patience and should have some pride in this adjustment. It certainly seems wise to try it and, at the end of the year, experience may indicate some revision.

The Endowment Committee will continue under the same chairman, Mrs. E. G. Denniston. If it be possible to go to the next biennial convention in 1914 with the full amount paid we will all rejoice. The action of the convention in advising the treasurer of the local biennial board to pay over the balance of \$2500 to the endowment fund was the best possible disposition of this surplus.

The amendments adopted changed all state committees into "Departments of Work;" made the certification of the names of delegates to the annual meeting returnable to the chairman of the credentials committee; and advanced the beginning of the fiscal year from April 1 to July 1.

The text of the resolutions will be published in the year book and a resume will be sent to the "Club Woman" by the secretary.

The convention was a surprise in the

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THE SQUELCHING OF THE SNOB

Without any exception whatever, the most ancient institution in human history is that remarkable checker-board of social abscissas and unsociable ordinates which goes, for want of a better—or worse—name, under the invidious label of caste. From the beginning of time big and little and medium-sized snobs have sharply drawn the lines of their snobbery and by them divided their relations with those of their own image into three general classes—patronizing condescension for their personally-created inferiors, armed truce with their equals and that sycophantic attitude tersely and inelegantly known as “bootlicking” for their superiors.

Partly as a result of the artificiality created by an ever-increasing complexity of civilization, the natural lines of distinction in the human family have long ago either been lost sight of or so blurred and crisscrossed by the arbitrary dicta of home-made aristocrats that it comes to about the same thing. The peculiar attitude of self-aggrandizement which comes from being a knotty excrescence on a notable family tree or from owning more legal tender than Mrs. Jones, next door, has not changed to any remarkable extent because the dollar has replaced the clamshell and frou-frou the bearskin.

There are few who deny the reality or propriety of natural caste. The aristocracy of intelligence and ability is desirable and inevitable. The hod-carrier exalted by reason of the fact that he can and does lug two bricks where other hod-carriers lug but one is properly made boss of the job, nor is it fair to class him with the one-brick man either in pay or position.

Suppose, however, that the two-brick hod-carrier pursue that policy, not only in the lugging of bricks but as well in everything to which he turns his horny hands and level head. By

virtue of self-education and efficiency he may rise to a commanding position in the world of industry. The victory is essentially his own, yet—if he gets in at all—he will enter the door of the elect about a block and a half behind the great-grand-nephew of a man who rose to affluence by peddling forty-rod whiskey to the aborigines and whose personal efforts in his own behalf have been chiefly limited to snapping open an automatic cigarette-lighter. He will not be within foghorn range of the descendent of one of the forty or fifty thousand pilgrims who came over in the Mayflower.

The obliteration of unnatural lines of social demarcation is, in its entirety, perhaps a millennial dream impossible of achievement. But it is a matter of encouragement that unpatronizing and successful forward steps are being made in that direction by women's clubs. The new aristocracy was well expressed by Miss Zona Gale, national chairman of civics, in an address to the students of Occidental College. “It used to be,” said Miss Gale, “that ‘I have an older family than you.’ Later it became ‘I have more money than you do.’ Now it is getting to be ‘I do more work, useful work, than you; therefore I am a better person’.”

The reception by invitation into the state federation of clubs of working girls, the giving over of the Friday Morning clubhouse for the dances of a club of young working women none of whom earns more than \$10 a week, the organization by district leaders of clubs for educational betterment among department store employees of San Francisco—these are among the healthful signs of the passing of the snob before the assault of clear-sighted women. This is not socialism, it is not “slum work” or “settlement work,” patronizing and covertly resented, but a genuinely sincere effort to realize the possibilities of a real sisterhood.

THE TWELFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION, C. F. W. C.

Every once in so often, in the best-regulated federations, a militant philistine of darkling mien and Kansas City antecedents arises to demand, with the air of one putting an unanswerable poser:

"What is the good of a convention anyway? What have you really accomplished, when it's over, that was not accomplished before?"

Well, what is "the good" of a convention? What, for the matter of that, is the good of anything which does not directly and immediately contribute to the all-important business of getting bread and some butter to spread thereon?

To the voting body of three hundred and eighteen delegates and alternates who made up the largest floor of any state convention in the history of the California Federation of Women's Clubs, the four days of the Fresno gathering, April 29-May 2, supplied as good an answer as could well be formulated. There were not many of the six hundred odd visitors to the twelfth annual convention who did not see that answer writ large across the eminently business-like and practical procedure of the program.

Besides being the apogee of the club year, a sort of general clearing house of perennial endeavor, the annual convention supplies a crucible in which, from a heterogeneous mass of miscellaneous and frequently conflicting plans and ambitions, is fused the bullion gold of practical good. The general convention crystallizes and passes on to the district organizations broad-perspective ideas of reforms to agitate, of ideals to which to educate, of good to be accomplished. From the district organizations the plans, more concrete and applicable to local conditions, are passed to the individual clubs and thence to the ultimate rank and file who carry the bricks and mortar out of which reforms are built. The se-

quence is as logical and direct as is that between the order from a conning-tower and the discharge of a great rifle.

In more than one respect the twelfth annual convention broke fresh earth in the ever-widening field of its activities and, as well, in its parliamentary privileges and perquisites. Unprecedented in federation history, for example, was the dramatic feature of the convention—the naming from the floor of an opposition ticket, headed by Mrs. Ella Westland for president, against that of the nominating committee, which followed the usage of years in naming Mrs. James W. Orr for a second term. In commenting upon this incident it is perhaps sufficient to remark that the cohorts of the south which supported Mrs. Westland did so from no disloyalty to constituted authority or dissatisfaction with it. The move proceeded from the feeling, which appeared to be quite general among the southern delegates, that, in view of the probabilities in 1915, precedent might be done away with to give to this section of the federation the honor to which it is in rotation entitled. The withdrawal of Mrs. Westland in the interests of unity and harmony supplied an excellent example of the spirit which moved the convention—one which placed a possible victory at the price of disruption in the light of no victory at all, but a disastrous defeat. The nominating committee's ticket, then elected without opposition, makes but few changes in the federation roster of officials. Mrs. Emily Hoppin of Yolo succeeds Mrs. A. A. Goddard as vice-president, and Mrs. Fisher R. Clarke succeeds Mrs. Cora E. Jones. The new district presidents are: Northern, Mrs. A. F. Jones, Oroville; Alameda, Mrs. William E. Colby, Berkeley; San Joaquin, Mrs. Harry Bates, Modesto; Southern, Mrs. Lillian Pray Palmer, San Diego. Changes

in the committee chairmanships and personnel will be announced later.

Through an omission in the call the matter of re-districting the state could not be presented as an amendment. Although this was previously regarded as one of the most important matters on the program to be acted on, discussion from the floor made it evident that more time is needed for a consideration of the question in district and individual club meetings. The general sentiment was unfavorable to the re-districting plan and its deferment until the convention of 1914 met with the approval of most of the delegations. Among those who spoke against the plan were Mrs. Annie Little Barry, Mrs. J. C. Lynch, Mrs. G. W. McCoy, Mrs. Harry Bates and Mrs. E. D. Buss. The objections cited were chiefly personal or geographical, though Mrs. McCoy made a point of the fact that the federation might find it difficult to support more districts than at present. The amendments which carried and the resolutions which were adopted by the convention will be found elsewhere in this issue of the Club Woman.

Of chief interest in that session of the convention devoted primarily to the annual reports was the summary of the year presented by the president, Mrs. James Wallace Orr. She spoke, she said, to encourage every clubwoman to study and equip herself for the battle for good government and to wisely use the weapon of the franchise placed in her hands. The gracious president's tribute to her official family she closed with these words:

"If you would educate the public conscience, direct legislation, devise remedial social experiments, it just means this: That the open mind, the mother heart, the serving hand, the loving spirit, are only means of the interpretation of life in terms of human service."

Mrs. Henry E. DeNyes, treasurer, reported a balance of \$2980 in the treasury, and that California has paid near-

ly \$750 of its endowment assessment.

One of the interesting items under the heading of disbursements was "legislation, \$321." Mrs. H. V. Rudy, chairman of the club extension committee, reported that forty-three clubs had been affiliated with the federation during the past year.

Mrs. May L. Cheney, chairman of the education committee, told of the growing interest in all the clubs in eugenics and child labor problems. She also recounted the progress of the committee in the direction of securing a reorganization of the state board of education.

Mrs. A. F. Jones read the report of Mrs. Foster Elliot on "Forestry," urging a better observance of Arbor Day and the establishment of a Conservation Day. Mrs. E. G. Greene, in her report on "Waterways," dealt particularly with the question of the probable overflow of the San Joaquin and Sacramento rivers. Among other reports received were those of Mrs. E. G. Deniston, chairman of the Sarah Platt Decker Memorial Endowment Fund committee, who reported that \$2500 has been raised in California during the past year, of Miss Emily S. Karns, chairman of the civil service reform committee, and others.

One of the interesting incidentals to the business sessions was the District Presidents' Evening, held Wednesday. The innovation was provided to give each of the six district heads an opportunity to summarize in some detail the plans, achievements and hopes of her department. The speakers were, Mrs. George W. McCoy, retiring president of the Northern district, Mrs. Percy L. Shuman, San Francisco district, Mrs. John C. Lynch, retiring president of the Alameda district, Mrs. S. L. Wiley, hostess, president of the San Joaquin district, Mrs. W. C. Mushet, Los Angeles district, and Mrs. Ella Westland, Southern district. The honor of the evening went to Los An-

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LITERARY HISTORY MADE AT FRESNO

Marshaling the customary procession of trite and threadbare adjectives wherewith to characterize the literary and educational features of the state convention of women's clubs appears more than ordinarily inadequate to the suitation as applying to the gathering at Fresno in the year of our Lord 1913. It is not so much that the addresses on the program constituted any very new or very remarkable departures in the line of club work for general betterment as that there was early established a correlation of thought and a rapport between parquet and rostrum which carried with it the promise of more than merely new additions to the surfeit of club literature. The platitude to the effect that good is as good does is likely to find concrete application in the results of the Fresno convention for no greater reason than that of the real inspiration left with the delegates and visitors by the group of earnest men and women who addressed them on subjects which lie close to the hearts of women and mothers.

In itself the program was remarkable as a coherent group of addresses each of which was a really valuable contribution to the popular stock of information on the subject of which it treated. For this the lion's share of the credit belongs to the state corresponding secretary, Miss Jessica Lee Briggs. The welding of a long series of different subjects to a whole harmonious and unbroken by hiatus of either sense or sequence is in itself a feat in danger of underestimation by those merely viewing the accomplished fact.

The golden text was "the child—we know we can make it certain that he will grow up to be everything that we would have him be?" It was interesting to note how wide a variety of subjects treated brought out one or another phase of that general theme, though the latter was the subject of no single address nor even mentioned

as the topic of a symposium.

A typical example was the address of Mrs. O. Shepard Barnum, who spoke ably on "How the Other Half Learns." She laid great stress upon the need for continuation schools, where children fresh from the grades may be enabled to enter the hurly-burly of bread-and-butter-getting by scientifically-supervised degrees instead of the icy plunge that frequently means an irremediably bad start for juvenile breadwinners. Mrs. Barnum did not take the radical stand of many anti-child-labor workers, for she declared that the exigencies of life often make it imperative that children contribute to the support of the family. She cited the inadequate wage scale of minors in support of an argument in favor of giving the child school training in the serious business of making a living.

Miss Edna Rich gave a new twist to an old subject in her address on "Home Economics" with a plea for the education of every member of the family, young as well as old, in the principle of scientific management. The state chairman of that well-conducted department also made relevant to her subject a suggestion to clubwomen that they share their labors and privileges with the rising generation through student membership in clubs under a reduced-fee and special-privilege system.

A vigorous appeal for direct pressure upon the legislature for an improvement of industrial conditions and the consequent betterment of the condition of the child was presented by Mrs. Charles Farwell Edson, who came down from Sacramento for the purpose. In her half-hour address on Thursday afternoon Mrs. Edson gave the delegates something to think of with the declaration that women must be sent to the General Assembly, not as lobbyists but as legislators, if the ends of women's endeavor are to be best attained.

"There must be women in the legislature," she said. "Men do not understand our point of view. They do not see moral and home questions as we do. They cannot present them as we would. The federation next year should decide upon the women it wishes to have represent it in the assembly and the senate. Great will be the results if it chooses the right women; disastrous if the wrong ones are elected. I tremble to think what will happen if the political woman—and there are such—should be sent to the legislature. The ethical effect of women's vote is a great step in moral legislation."

Mrs. Edson spoke on the health certificate for marriage bill and made a special plea for the indorsement of the federation of the work of Dr. Avery, of Redlands, and Dr. Nelson, of Humboldt, in its interests. This was embodied in a resolution. At the request of the delegates Mrs. Edson read from the floor the names of the assemblymen who voted against this and the red-light abatement act and suggested that the members hold their individual representatives personally responsible for their attitude.

A leaf out of the music book of the National Federation of Musical clubs was taken by Mme. Emilia Tojetti, state chairman of music, in an able-bodied assault on ragtime as "music." Mme. Tojetti urged the clubwomen to take steps to forever "abolish this pernicious rhythm and melody which is having such a demoralizing effect not only upon children but upon the morality and ethics of the entire nation." The speaker paid tribute to the work of Mrs. George H. Hutton, of Santa Monica, as indicating the right direction to take.

Charles Farwell Edson, of Los Angeles, followed with a telling argument in favor of educating children to know good music, for grand opera in English and for the placing of the musical profession upon a strictly scientific and business-like basis.

The correlative theory was throughout the basis of the program's arrange-

ment, each afternoon being divided into fifty-minute periods and each of these being devoted to a particular department. Under the presidency of Mrs. A. A. Goddard, "Art" properly led the van on Tuesday afternoon. The principal exponent of art was Hon. John E. D. Trask, chief of the department of fine arts in the Panama-Pacific Exposition, who spoke on the general plans of his division and of the forthcoming historical exhibit of America's growth in art. The most striking sentence in his address was one to the effect that western art will, in fifteen years, have advanced to such a point as to in itself cause America to lead the world. Mrs. James B. Hughes clinched the point with an address showing what even the small club may achieve in art study.

Under the general division of "Philanthropy" its chairman, Mrs. William Baurhyte, urged clubwomen to establish maternity cottages similar to those in Los Angeles in every city and town in the state. Miss Ella Schooley spoke under the same head on the plans which are being made to protect women and more especially young girls at the time of the Panama-Pacific Exposition. The conservation of motherhood was the subject of a sympathetic address by Mrs. A. A. Goddard.

The incident of the aigrette did nothing to more than momentarily distract attention from the value to the federation of the addresses given under the heading of Forestry, presided over by Mrs. A. F. Jones. L. G. Johnson, deputy state forester, spoke warmly in the interests of introducing the study of forest conservation in the schools, as a complement to the courses in botany and manual training. Arbor Day, he said, should not be considered a holiday but a day of hard work in setting out new trees. Mrs. W. K. Walker advocated conservation of the forests for the irrigation interests.

"White coal," as Mrs. Emily Hopkin happily dubbed water power, was considered under the leadership of Mrs. E. G. Greene, chairman of the

waterways committee. The principal speaker was Judge Frank H. Short, of Fresno, who devoted the greater part of an interesting address to an explanation of the unequalled irrigation systems of the San Joaquin Valley. As an alternative to the perennially-recurring scheme to navigate the San Joaquin river he suggested the building of a canal from the vicinity of Turlock, in the Bakersfield country, as at once more economical and practicable.

The department of civics had the credit of eliciting some of the meatiest and most practical suggestions of the entire program. They were, for the most part, drawn out by the skillful hand of the chairman, Mrs. Bradford Woodbridge, who herself gave an inspiring resume of the work accomplished by the federation units during the past year. Mrs. E. L. Quinn dealt with tree planting as a means of civic beautification—not in haphazard wise but with due regard to soil, to climate, to natural contour of the territory and to consistency of landscape scheme and qualifications in the direction of utility and beauty. Mrs. Jennie Partidge took up the part played by the mothers' clubs and the junior league in instilling into the childish mind a respect for law and order and a love for cleanliness and beauty in his home city. Similar views were expressed in a paper by Mrs. George C. Herron, read in her absence by Mrs. Matthew Robertson. Mrs. Herron vigorously emphasized the necessity for co-operation in civic work among the individual clubs of a district, saying that the larger organizations should lead the way and the smaller help with all their might.

An address eagerly looked forward to and one which did not disappoint its hearers was that of Mrs. George E. Swan, state chairman of legislation, on "The Federation and Legislation." Mrs. Swan did not waste time on theoretical reformation. She dealt exclusively with the intensely practical business of getting bills passed at Sacra-

mento and made it plain that merely "having one's quarrel just" is not enough to secure legislation to cure the evil. The federation is well organized, she said, but not as well as the W. C. T. U. She deplored the lack of co-operation displayed last year among federation clubs when it was discovered that half a dozen of them were working simultaneously on as many different drafts of the same bill—that to pension mothers. She emphasized the fact that much time is lost in presenting imperfectly drafted bills and took the clubwomen behind the scenes for a little practical insight into the mechanism of a legislature. She asked for the reappointment of the present legislative chairmen inasmuch as they are just now beginning to learn the ropes.

Chester Rowell, author of the civil service plank in the Progressive platform, spoke on the topic of civil service reform in general, tracing the history of the merit system of choosing public servants from the days of the spoils systems of old. That it is not superannuated, however, he said was indicated by the appointment—in California this was—of eighty-three doorkeepers for one door. England, said Mr. Rowell, can teach us things about civil service—among them the making of the competitive examination one which is really relevant to the place to be filled and will give some actual idea of the qualifications of the applicant for it. But with San Francisco's political history in mind he said that the time for civil service reform will not be ripe until the people are rid of thieves in their high places.

Mrs. H. C. Stockwell was an interesting speaker on psychopathic parole, with statistics indicating to what extent clubwomen had been able to assist their unfortunate sisters. The success of "Rest Haven" gave Mrs. Stockwell ground to hope that a similar institution may soon be established for men. Mrs. Mary E. Hamilton, chairman of industrial and social conditions,

declared in introducing her department that the greatest work of clubwomen lies in the home in the prevention of evil rather than in its cure afterwards. Mrs. Isabelle M. Fleisher spoke on the work of clubs in social centers and the ways in which dives may be eliminated through the establishment of rival halls in which the attractive features are more attractive and the dangers are eliminated.

Mrs. Louis Hertz struck a new note with a suggestion for the next convention—that of having an exhibition of things representing concrete good accomplished—such as photographs of hospitals established, cities cleaned up, children redeemed, playgrounds, motels, etc.

Not the least valuable contribution to the volume that should be written about the literary side of the Fresno convention was supplied at Presidents'

Evening. The golden thread running through a series of four addresses was set out in diminutive italics as "fellowship in service." Mrs. Frank G. Sanborn, president of the Women's Board of the Panama-Pacific Exposition, spoke of the work accomplished by the women's clubs of the state in stirring up their sisters to the importance of the part they are to play in the great fair. An interesting feature of the women's board is the feat they have accomplished in making sure that there will be no resorts of doubtful repute or saloons within the fair grounds. She extended to the federation San Francisco's official invitation for 1915.

Mrs. Caroline H. Whitney, vice-president of the National Suffrage association, spoke on the betterment in laws and the growth of women's influence.

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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT STATE CONVENTION.

The following are the resolutions officially adopted at the twelfth annual convention, C. F. W. C., held at Fresno:

1. That it is the desire of the C. F. W. C. that the governor of the state appoint the week of Arbor Day an annual clean-up week throughout the state.

2. That the county boards of education throughout the state be requested to place the "Boys' Book on Conservation," by Overton Price, on the supplementary reading list of the grammar grades, and "The Conservation of Waters," by John H. Mathews, in the high school libraries, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded as part of a circular letter to each county board of education.

3. That the C. F. W. C. urge the state board of forestry to immediately advise and otherwise assist the people throughout the state in the preservation of our cypress and pine trees.

4. To send a letter of thanks to Governor Hiram Johnson and Senator Avery, also to Assemblyman Nelson, for their support of moral meas-

ures endorsed by the C. F. W. C.; also to convey to Mrs. C. F. Edson and Mrs. George Swan our thanks for their untiring efforts in the cause of legislation.

5. That the C. F. W. C. urge all its clubs to secure ordinances in their towns requiring that all bill boards be built eighteen inches from the ground.

6. That the C. F. W. C. cordially endorse the work of the Woman's Board of the Pacific-Panama Exposition of 1915.

7. That the C. F. W. C. express most sincere thanks to the residents of the San Joaquin Valley, to the mayor and citizens of Fresno, to the various hotel managements and to the Parlor Lecture club for the charming spirit of hospitality manifested during and prior to the convention.

8. That we congratulate our president, Mrs. J. W. Orr, upon having closed a most successful year with the federation in a most flourishing condition and pledge our loyalty and support for the coming year, wishing her all health and happiness in her work.

THE CONVENTION'S SOCIAL SIDE.

To the uninitiated, one of the marvels of the Fresno convention was its tremendous, tireless, ceaseless activity. The situation was not badly expressed by one stunned press correspondent who wrote: "Army officers would be classed as nervous weaklings beside these clubwomen, who have attended two long sessions daily, gone on automobile rides, attended luncheons, flown home to dress for banquets and receptions and then sat up to the early morning hours discussing politics and policies. Now, with the music of the last reception still ringing in their ears, eighty of the delegates, the majority mothers or grandmothers, are packing their suitcases preparatory to a four-days' trip into the Yosemite."

The social side of the Fresno convention was by no means its least important one, thanks to the efforts of the hostess board. The annual reception of the federation, held Tuesday night at the Hotel Fresno, was perhaps the most brilliant function of the sort yet held. The gowns were of remarkable taste and beauty and the elaborate setting of the reception hall lent much to the affairs, as did the well-chosen music. Brief addresses were made by Mrs. George H. Taylor, Mayor Snow, of Fresno, Mrs. S. L. Wiley, Mrs. Orr and Sigmund Wormser, who presented to the state president, on behalf of the Merchants' association, a handsome gavel made of wood taken from Fort Miller. A scroll, bearing in hand-illuminated letters a brief history of Fort Miller, accompanied the gift.

Afternoon tea and coffee was served every afternoon in the Parlor Lecture clubhouse, next door to the W. O. W. building where the sessions were held. These functions, presided over by Mrs. F. L. Burks, were among the most appreciated of the efforts on the part of the indefatigable hostesses for the comfort of their guests. Evening automobile rides were also frequent fea-

tures of the program of entertainment.

Wednesday night was marked by a "Raisin Day Promenade" about the roof garden of the W. O. W. building, to the accompaniment of a concert tendered by the Fresno chamber of commerce. The latter body, gracefully represented by its president, W. W. Phillips, distributed a profusion of raisins.

Thursday was the busiest day for the butterflies. A large group of delegates and officers were the luncheon guests of the students of the domestic science departments of the high and normal schools, everything being prepared and served by the students themselves. The press representatives enviously tendered themselves a luncheon at the Fresno and in the evening was held the classic of the week—the banquet of the "Down and Out Club." The latter is made up of past officials and its annual function probably possesses more real sparkle than any other one event on the schedule. Under the leadership of Mrs. Emery Donahoo, committee chairman, Mrs. E. G. Denniston, president, and Mrs. Annie Little Barry, toastmistress, the 1913 banquet set new marks of hilarity. The fourth social event of importance of the day was a concert at W. O. W. hall, given by the Fresno Music club.

Saturday was "play day" and those who did not have to hurry home enjoyed it to the utmost. Eighty clubwomen left Fresno early in the morning for a four-day visit to the wonders of Yosemite Valley, the principal social event of which was the banquet at the foot of Glacier Point. About a hundred others attended a picnic at historic Fort Miller, in the foothills of the Sierras. The trip was made by auto along picturesque routes and luncheon was served in the shadow of the fort. A little talk on its history by Mrs. J. C. Hoxie added much to the pleasure of the occasion.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY FEDERATION CONVENTION.

In the Olivewood clubhouse, in National City, there occurred on Friday, April 11, the most enthusiastic and successful session yet held of the San Diego County Federation. About 300 were present and representatives of twenty-three clubs answered the roll call.

The morning program opened with an invocation by Rev. E. S. Hall and an address of welcome, cordial and sincere, was made by Mrs. E. W. Snook, president of the Olivewood Club. A report of the Southern District convention was made by Charles Darling. Mrs. Lillian Pray Palmer, newly elected president of the Southern district, made interesting an account of the activities for good of the central committee for social service.

"Hospitality Plans" was the subject of a little talk by Mrs. Celia B. Slocum and the morning session closed with the inspiring message of the president, Mrs. Carl S. Owen, who spoke of the broader education of women and the necessity for submerging the personal in the composite whole, accomplishing through co-operation more than could be accomplished by insistence upon individual preferences.

A notable number of the afternoon's program, which followed a picnic lunch tastefully served in a nearby grove, was the address of Mrs. Isabelle M. Fleisher, on "The Regulation of Public Dance Hall and Moving Picture Shows." Mrs. Fleisher has made some history along that line in more than one city of California, and the way she does it is rather interesting to club women who have the problem to contend with in their own communities. Mrs. Fleisher does not altogether favor the big stick as a means of wiping out the dive, for she says the evil of a dive is, to its young girl patrons, not the attraction, but an unsuspected incidental to pleasure which they seek and must have. Therefore, instead of sweeping the dance hall from the municipal map with one mighty



MRS. LILLIAN PRAY PALMER
President Southern District

pass of her good broom, Mrs. Fleisher goes across the street and establishes a rival dance hall. Her music is just as alluring and her floor as slippery; but there is no grass there for a snake to hide in and there are no dangers for the unwary. The atmosphere, though they may not understand exactly why, is better and more wholesome to the girls and presently Mrs. Fleisher has tolled away all its trade from the dive. It is very simple when one knows how.

Mrs. Florence Edwards took up the fertile subject of "Women's Work in Civic Improvement" and gave some interesting data, much of it from her personal experience, upon the topic. Miss Edna Rich, who is now known from San Diego to Siskiyou as the militant foe of the wasteful garbage can rather than by her rightful title,

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SAN JOAQUIN DISTRICT CONVENTION

"Cui bono?" was not inscribed as a motto above the speakers' rostrum at the sixteenth annual convention of the San Joaquin district, held at Modesto April 5-6, but it might well have been. The practical good to be accomplished by any move advocated or under way was, as by a sort of tacit understanding, accepted as the criterion by which was judged alike speaker and spoken. That each individual number on the varied two-day program passed creditably beneath that exacting standard is less of a compliment than a merited tribute.

To one not of the large and appreciative audiences themselves but surveying the convention from the perspective point of space and time, the high-water mark of the gathering appears to have been struck in the address of Mrs. Amos Harris, of Fowler, and its sequel from the lips of Mrs. James W. Orr, the state president. Mrs. Harris presented a powerful plea for the better upbringing of the modern child, not by the apron-string

method but through a real companionship between father and son, mother and daughter. She pointed out the cruelty of allowing a growing child to stumble blindly along a path lined with insidious temptation and declared that, if they will, parents can make themselves useful and desired companions on the dangerous way of adolescence.

Mrs. Orr followed with a talk upon "Supervised Recreation," citing the necessity of pleasure to the young and showing that it is only the province of the mother to dictate under what circumstances it shall be enjoyed. The recent so-called white slave investigations she indicated as an ugly proof of the existence of the pit whither untutored steps may lead through the brilliant lane of lights in the public dance hall. As one way of dealing with a situation which many mothers apparently prefer to leave to the overwhelmingly unfavorable odds of luck, the state president cited the efforts in the direction of reform by the San

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Other notable addresses on the program were delivered by George Stoddard, who spoke on "The Panama Canal," and Dr. George E. Tucker, of Riverside, whose subject was "Health Preservation." The Riverside physician has himself accomplished a number of reforms in the administration of public health and he lent vigorous point to his appeal for pure water, pure milk and health corrections among school children with a large assortment of pathological slides.

In line with Dr. Tucker's address was the report of Miss Julia Sayre, chairman of the department of philanthropy, who made special reference to the work of the clubwomen of Coalinga toward the establishment of a clinic among the dentists and physicians for the benefit of school children. The latter are to be under the general supervision of this body of qualified medical men and, in the event of parents being unable to meet the expense of their services, the clinic will be free.

A movement which may serve as an example to like departments elsewhere in the state was described by Mrs. J. C. Hoxie, district chairman of the history and landmarks committee. This body is seeking to have marked upon official state maps all spots of historical interest in the district. Ultimately it is the plan to have the places 'hemselves suitably marked. Storied sites in the Chinese quarter of Fresno and in the pioneer strongholds of days now long gone were specifically treated. Encouragement in this direction was wired to the convention by Mrs. William Fairchild, of Placerville, state chairman of history and landmarks.

While scarcely to be denominated part of the business sessions of the convention, one of its brightest spots was the luncheon and its accompanying postprandial slivers of wit and wisdom. It was held in the large banquet room of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in whose auditorium, a literal

bower of flowers and greenery, the convention proper assembled. Mrs. Florence Russell acted as a dainty and gracious toastmistress for the function, which was further enlivened by musical selections by Mrs. Frank Avery, an Eastern lyric soprano.

Mrs. Orr responded wittily to the toast "Hopes and Hobbies," her talk being chiefly devoted to the prospects of the state convention. Mrs. Harry Bates charmingly declined to say anything on her subject, which was "The Strangers Within Our Gates," on the ground that there were no strangers to talk about, all the visitors being by that time friends and neighbors. Mrs. S. W. Wiley complimented the Modesto club upon the success of their efforts for the convention and spoke briefly upon federation work. Mrs. J. E. F. Edwards, district press chairman for The Club Woman, responded to "The Press," with a tribute to newspapers as the greatest factor making for the success of women's clubs. "Excess Baggage," which she averred should not under any circumstances be permitted to include the chip on the shoulder, was cleverly handled by Mrs. A. B. Armstrong. She rather deprecated a tendency noted in some clubs of assuming crushing weight in the form of needless responsibilities and pointed out that the effort might be better expended along more promising lines. Mrs. Russell herself, rather than have the important topic go untouched, made a bright little talk upon "The Husbands," a toast assigned to a member unavoidably absent. The luncheon itself was a tribute to the success of a movement long ago inaugurated by women's clubs, for it was served entirely by students of the domestic science department of the Modesto high school.

Routine convention work occupied a considerable portion of the sessions but the dessicated formality occasionally characterizing such inevitable adjuncts was kept in abeyance under the able gavel of Mrs. Wiley, district president, and Mrs. Armstrong, who presided over the second day's meeting.

Among the important resolutions passed was one of disapproval of the project to exploit the waters of Lake Tahoe in a commercial enterprise and one to establish a scholarship loan fund for women at the University of California. Telegrams were sent to Sacramento urging the passage of the health certificate for marriage bill and condemning the proposed plan for choosing milk inspectors. The Travelers' Aid Bureau, recently established at Fresno, was favorably commented on. In addition to those already mentioned, reports were made by the district president, by the corresponding secretary, Mrs. F. A. McMahon, the treasurer, Mrs. D. A. Leonard, the auditor, Mrs. E. Annear, and the following chairmen: Press, Mrs. J. E. F. Edwards; education, Mrs. F. E. Osterhaut; industrial and social conditions, Mrs. G. A. Perkins; home economics, Mrs. H. W. Staub; reciprocity, Mrs. F. T. Hogan; civics, Mrs. D. E. Hutchinson; forestry, Miss Breeze Huffman; legislation, Mrs. John D. Fairweather; state clubhouse fund, Mrs. Emma

Fox; necrology, Miss Jennie Dore. Two-minute reports from club presidents were given by way of furnishing a clearing-house of information concerning the district's progress during the year.

For the ensuing year Mrs. H. A. Bates, of Modesto, was elected district president, Mrs. H. Drew, Selma, first vice-president, Mrs. Tenant, Coalinga, second vice-president, Mrs. James Russell, Modesto, recording secretary, Mrs. H. Wilbur, Modesto, corresponding secretary, Mrs. D. A. Leonard, Dos Palos, treasurer, Mrs. A. C. Rich, Ceres, auditor. As chairmen of the district committees the following ladies were chosen: Nominating, Mrs. A. B. Armstrong, Fowler; credentials, Mrs. W. T. Barr, Fresno; resolutions, Mrs. Emma Fox, Lemoore. No action was taken at the convention as to the meeting place for next year's gathering.

The principal social event of the convention was the large reception given on the evening of April 5 in the parlors of the church.

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DISTRICT NEWS

Los Angeles.

The event of greatest single interest in the month's history of the Los Angeles district was the primary election of the Friday Morning club, held Friday, May 2. In spite of certain subterranean rumors of a socialistic cast the following names were entered on the ballot to be voted on at the final election, June 6: President, Mrs. Russell J. Waters, Mrs. Andrew Stewart Lobingier, Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles; first vice-president, Mrs. Thomas Allen Box, Mrs. Seward Simons; second vice-president, Mrs. Seward Simons, Mrs. Thomas Allen Box; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Florence Moore, Mrs. Helen Steckel; recording secretary, Mrs. W. F. Thurston; treasurer, Mrs. Frank Garrett, Mrs. A. W. Francisco; directors, Mrs. E. L. Brainard, Mrs. Helen Steckel, Mrs. Charles E. Shattuck, Mrs. A. W. Francisco, Mrs. B. W. Skeel, Mrs. W. C. H. Noble, Mrs. E. Stanton Hodgin, Mrs. J. J. Abramson, Mrs. J. A. Russell, Mrs. H. H. Kerckhoff, Mrs. D. C. McCan, Mrs. T. J. Herbert.

Next to elections, which are themselves second only to house-cleaning in spring importance, flower festivals have held the center of the stage during the latter part of April and the first of May. The most pretentious event of the sort was, perhaps, the annual May Festival of the College Women's club, held on May 3 at the Hotel Raymond, Pasadena. The day was also made the occasion of the annual election and the club's reciprocity day. An audience of gratifying proportions witnessed the pretty al fresco program, which was given in five groups, representing folk dances and scenes from various countries. These were "The Spirit of Old France," "Hans and Liesel," "Indian Springtime," "Japan," and "May Day in Merrie England." The officers named were Mrs. Roger Sterrett, president, Mrs. John Beardsley, vice-president, Miss Helen Dickey, recording secretary, Mrs. O. C. Mont-

gomery, corresponding secretary, Miss Blanche Graham, treasurer, Mrs. S. E. Epler, member-at-large.

The Santa Monica Bay Woman's club gave a very elaborate flower festival at Columbia hall beginning April 29 and extending over three days. The event was remarkable for the wonderful profusion of blossoms exhibited and the artistic manner in which the floral booths were decorated. The affair concluded with a fancy dress ball at the Windermore hotel, under the patronage of Mrs. Roy Jones, Mrs. G. Wiley Wells, Mrs. W. T. Gillis, Mrs. H. J. Engelbrecht, Mrs. Force Parker, Mrs. D. G. Stephens, Mrs. George H. Hutton, Mrs. F. H. Taft, Mrs. Earl Nash, Mrs. Carl J. Schader, Mrs. W. H. Anderson and Mrs. G. A. B. Champney.

The two-day flower show of the Eagle Rock Twentieth Century club at Masonic hall, Eagle Rock, struck a new note in like festivals by featuring a baby show in connection. By way of encouraging home industry only Eagle Rock babies were eligible and health was made the chief desideratum instead of pretty blue ribbons. The three-day flower show of the Sierra Madre Woman's club netted a handsome sum.

Among the many annual elections of the month should be mentioned that of the Cosmos club, which named Mrs. A. C. Humelbaugh to succeed Mrs. William Reeve, for two years the head of this lively organization. The other officers elected are Mrs. Zella Zee Dodge, Mrs. G. M. Giffen and Mrs. John Clark, first, second and third vice-presidents, respectively, Mrs. J. W. Weatherbee, recording secretary, Mrs. W. S. Anderson, corresponding secretary and Mrs. T. S. Lewis, treasurer.

The Wednesday Morning club has just named Mrs. J. E. Brown, who has previously frequently refused that office, to be its president for the coming year. The other officers are Mrs. W.

E. Bush, vice-president, Mrs. M. E. Johnson, second vice-president, Mrs. W. B. Pitkin, secretary, Mrs. H. H. Curtis, treasurer and Mrs. H. A. Smith, financial secretary. These officers will be installed May 28, the last meeting of the season.

The California Badger club chooses for its president Mrs. Frank A. Waters, for first vice-president Mrs. A. C. La Brie, second vice-president, Mrs. E. E. Nott, corresponding secretary, Mrs. Clarence Pease, recording secretary, Mrs. Herbert U. Durant, treasurer, Mrs. Mary E. Bartlett. A score of members of the Badger club have subscribed as associate members of the Psychopathic Parole society.

The Federation of College Women's clubs, which includes the College Woman's club, Association of Collegiate Alumnae, Vassar Alumnae, Wellesley Alumnae, Smith Alumnae, West End Collegiate Alumnae, Pomona Alumnae, Occidental Alumnae, Stanford Alumnae and Kappa Alpha Theta, Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Phi Beta Phi Sororities have elected as their president Miss Mary Bingham; vice-president, Miss Gertrude Brainerd and Miss Louise Ehrmann; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Ward W. Van Deusen.

The Los Angeles Council of Jewish Women name Mrs. Isidore Myers president, Mrs. Lillian Burkhardt Goldsmith and Mrs. Albert Ancker vice-presidents, Mrs. Jules Kauffman and Mrs. H. A. Hollzer recording and corresponding secretaries, Mrs. Isi-

dore Cohn treasurer and Mrs. J. Y. Baruh auditor.

Under the direction of the clubwomen of South Pasadena May 5 was made a great cleanup day for that pretty city and before sundown the "Spotless Town" of the street car advertising was realized. Everything burnable was burned and what could not be thus disposed of was hauled away to city dumps. The chamber of commerce co-operated in the work and an incredible amount of trash was removed from the landscape, to the considerable improvement of the landscape.

San Francisco.

The executive board meeting was held at the Palace Hotel April 12, Mrs. Percy L. Shuman, president of the San Francisco district, in the chair. The attendance was excellent and splendid reports were read by the various district chairmen. Two new clubs have been admitted, bringing the year's number of new clubs up to seven.

The Mills club breakfast was largely attended. The guests were Mrs. James W. Orr, Mrs. Percy L. Shuman and many club presidents. In common with all the districts in the state much of the time in that of San Francisco was occupied with preparations for the state convention at Fresno. While useful district activities were by no means suspended their general trend was so notably Fresno-ward as to naturally take up a position under the accounts of the convention itself.

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tion was held in Marin county April 17 at the Out Door Art clubhouse of Mill Valley. A pleasant al fresco luncheon, at which the Marin county club presidents were hostesses, was followed by an instructive open forum.

The San Francisco district will hold its twelfth annual convention in Santa Rosa, October 29, 30, and 31, on the invitation of the Santa Rosa chamber of commerce.

The Laurel Hall club gave a pretty function labeled a "breakfast" on April 2. Mrs. Rose V. Berry, art chairman of the San Francisco district, was toastmistress for a symposium on "Woman." Mrs. J. B. Ricky made a clever apology for the first woman in which she outlined Eve's eventful though isolated life, pointing out that, while she was the cause of Adam's getting into considerable trouble, she bore the blame without resentment and stood by her leige lord to the end. The "Pagan Woman" was considered by Miss Henriette Stedmueller and "Women of the Bible" by Mrs. A. B. Evans. "The Patient Woman" was Mrs. Clarence Grange's topic, and "The Military Woman" that of Miss Jessica Lee Briggs, federation secretary. Mrs. Paul O. Tietzen spoke on "The Adventuress," and Mrs. John H. Perine on "The Puritan Woman." "The Professional Woman" fell to the lot of Miss Margaret May Morgan, who said that being a man is no harder than being a woman, anyway.

Dr. Mariana Bertola, chairman of

the health department of the San Francisco district, presided at a remarkably interesting "Health Department Luncheon" on April 19. The Papyrus club gives its annual breakfast on May 6. Of general interest to the San Francisco district is the naming of its new chairman of education—filled in the able person of Mrs. Ella W. Sexton. A visitor of some note is Mrs. May Wright Sewall, honorary president of the International Council of Women, who spoke before the Sunday assembly of the California club on "Awakening Womanhood."

Alameda.

The district meeting, held in February, has resulted in imparting a new

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impetus to the work of the entire section. New lines of work have been mapped out and old ones have been followed with new vigor.

The keynote for the year has been social service and much has been done and is being planned in the department of philanthropy. The immigration problem presents a wide field for the clubwoman who has the leisure and the inclination to help the stranger within our gates.

As the year draws to a close the clubs are busy with their annual lunch-

cons and entertainments. Some of the latter are decidedly unique, one club entertaining its members with a human bridge party, fifty-two ladies being the fifty-two cards in the pack.

Two new clubs have joined our federation, several have planned new club-houses and within a year expect to be in their own homes, courageously taking up the burden of debt with the knowledge that if a club really wishes for a club home it will find a way to pay for it.

STATE BOARD MEETING

One of the largest meetings ever held by the state board, C. F. W. C., took place at Hotel Fresno the evening of April 28, 1913. Mrs. James W. Orr, state president, presided.

Reports were read, business transacted and matters in connection with the state convention, which would open the following day, were brought up and discussed. The names of three new clubs which had made application for entrance into the state federation were read and accepted.

The following officers of the state

board were present: Mrs. James W. Orr, Mrs. A. A. Goddard, Mrs. Calvin Hartwell, Mrs. E. D. Knight, Miss Jessica Lee Briggs, Mrs. Henry De Nyse, Mrs. Cora E. Jones, Mrs. R. J. Waters, Mrs. George W. McCoy, Mrs. Percy L. Shuman, Mrs. John Lynch, Mrs. S. L. Wiley, Mrs. W. C. Mushet, Mrs. Ella Westland, Mrs. Bradford Woodbridge, Mrs. E. S. Karns, Mrs. E. G. Greene, Mrs. Mary H. Gridley, Mrs. Mary E. Hamilton, Mme. Emilia Tojetti, Miss Lucy Hatch, Mrs. William Baurhyte and Miss Annie Bock.



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Upon the invitation of the executive committee organizing the Fourth International Congress on School Hygiene, the General Federation of Women's Clubs is making plans to take part in the most elaborate effort that has yet been made in this country to get school hygiene before the world. The forthcoming congress, the first to be held in this country, will meet in Buffalo the last week in August.

Letters are now being sent to the various club presidents and state chairman by Mrs. S. S. Crockett, national chairman of the public health department, requesting the active co-operation of the seven thousand individual clubs of America in an energetic campaign, which has for its purpose the sending of delegates to the Buffalo Congress from all the leading cities and towns of this country.

In her letter, Mrs. Crockett makes an urgent request that each individual club send a delegate to the congress and in addition secure the appointment of delegates from all of the following agencies: Local clubs, mayors, school boards, boards of health, superintendent of schools, school improvement associations, mothers' congresses, parent-teachers' associations, charity organization societies, nurses' associations, boards of trade, homes, orphanages, etc.

In addition the individual clubs are urged to use their influence with the governors of their states with a view of calling public attention to the serious importance to the forthcoming congress.

All the leading nations, every state in the Union, every college and university of note in this country, and various other leading educational, scientific, medical and hygienic institutions and organizations, as well as various women's organizations, will be represented at the congress according to a preliminary statement just issued by Dr. Thomas A. Storey, of the College of the City of New York, Secretary-General of the Congress.

President Wilson has accepted the honorary office of Patron. The president of the congress is Dr. Charles W. Eliot, former president of Harvard University. The vice-presidents are Dr. William H. Welch, pathologist of Johns Hopkins University and formerly president of the American Medical Association, and Dr. Henry P. Walcott, president of the recent International Congress on Hygiene and Demography, and chairman of the Massachusetts state board of health.

It is the aim of the organizing committee in charge to bring together at Buffalo a record number of men and women interested in improving the health and efficiency of school children, and to make the gathering one of direct benefit to each individual community. There will be scientific exhibits representing the best that is being done in school hygiene, and also commercial exhibits of educational value.

A large part of the program will be given over to papers and discussions calling public attention to the urgent need of extending medical inspection throughout the individual communities of the United States.

This need of reform, according to educators, is based upon the findings made by recent medical inspection in schools which show that of all pupils 26 per cent suffer from eye strain, 6 to 12 per cent from enlarged tonsils, 12 to 24 per cent from nasal obstruction, 2 to 5 per cent from defective hearing, 50 to 75 per cent from decayed teeth, 10 to 30 per cent from nervous disorders, 5 to 20 per cent from some deformity, 1 to 15 per cent from skin diseases, 1 to 67 per cent from pediculosis of the scalp.

Buffalo has subscribed \$40,000 toward covering the expense of the congress. The Buffalo citizens' committee has planned for a series of social events, including receptions and a grand ball, a pageant in the park, excursion trips to the great industrial plants and to Niagara Falls.

WHAT OF THE DAY?

A Toast by Mrs. James W. Orr.

Twenty-four hours long, or short, yet all of time there is for us to express ourselves, to realize ourselves, to live ourselves into the history and achievements of these our times and peoples. "Four and twenty elders sitting clothed in white raiment, and upon their heads crowns of gold."

The time of day! High noon, and life at its fullest, most vital point. The high noon of human endeavor. The time of day when the conscience of mankind hears the bugle call of service: the time of day when "every man hath received the gift to minister one to another."

What of the day? A day of extremes; a day of contradictions; a day of judgment; a day of progress; a day when all the time-honored conventions and traditions are seemingly undone. A day of intimate relations, when nations and peoples speak to each other across the air spaces, in the common human tongue of sympathy and fraternity.

What of the day! We who "have received the anointing have also a more sure word of prophecy." It is the day of new occasions and new duties. It is our day, as it is our world, for "the present, the present is all thou hast for thy sure possessing."

It shall be the day of our great adventure. We welcome it with the joy of Browning's Pippa and speaking in the same tongue, declare with her:

"Thou art my single day:

This one day I have leave to go
And play out my fancy's fullest game

The hours around; my morn and
noon and night!"

How spend my day! How shall I,

neither first nor last, touch human needs at the vital moment, touch them so, move them so, that in the passing I shall stir the waters?

The kind of day! A California day: the doors and windows of opportunity standing wide open! The kind of day when the spirit of hospitality prevails and pervades the land of this our great and gracious lady California. And blessed are we, her maidservants and her manservants, if we keep faith with her: keep her promise to the eye nor break it to the hope.

This is our busy day! We hear the call of many duties, that touch every phase of modern life. This is the day of co-operation, of unified service, in politics, philanthropy, in all forms of public welfare work.

This is the day that leads toward democracy. "And high over the inmost citadel, I saw magnificent, ever-inspiring, the form of freedom stand!"

ANNUAL CONVENTION

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geles with the presentation by Mme. Emilia Tojetti, state chairman of music, of the federation's silver loving cup to the Music Study club, of Long Beach, for three years' supremacy in the study and advancement of music. The handsome gift was received by Miss Lucy Walters, president of the winning club.

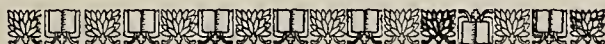
There was considerable rivalry for the 1914 convention, one city even presenting its invitation two days before it could legally do so in order to be sure to be in time. Invitations were received from Riverside, Santa Cruz, Redlands, Del Monte and Pacific Grove. On the vote Riverside won by a comfortable margin.

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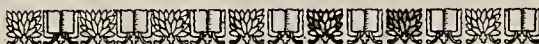
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LITERARY PROGRAM

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ence. Mrs. A. F. Morrison, president of the National Association of Collegiate Alumnae, gave an interesting resume of its history and predicted a great future for women in the world's affairs. Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles, representing the general federation, spoke feelingly for the "down-and-outs," bespeaking sympathy for past officials in general.

One of the most interesting addresses of the entire program was given by Prof. Edward H. Krehbiel, head of the history department at Stanford, on "War—the World Problem of Our Day." His theme was, briefly, that three mighty agencies are operating to do away with war—the economic change which is making war impossible because too expensive, the growth of the rule of law and reason as expressed in arbitration and lastly the winning of the democratic spirit over the monarchies and oligarchies that make for international strife.

SAN DIEGO CONVENTION

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which is state chairman of household economics, gave a meaty address on the "Modern Approach to Efficiency in the Home." The golden text of Miss Rich's work is the getting of business methods into the kitchen, establishing a scientific management of the larder and even a rigid audit of the woodbox.

Dr. Louise C. Heilbron, whose work in the direction of better public health has placed her in a position to speak with some authority on the subject, took up "Civic Cleanliness in its Relation to Contagious Diseases" and showed exactly where it lay in the province of women's clubs to head off a very real and certain menace to our lives. Correlated with the same subject was the address of Mrs. Thelen, who dealt in plain and unupholstered terms with "Our Duty in Regard to Pure Food Supply."

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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number of delegates registered. The voting body numbered 318, with only thirty alternates. The total attendance was indeed gratifying, and the close interest of the delegates in the subjects presented indicated familiarity with federation questions that press for solution or discussion in each succeeding year.

The housing was comfortable and commodious. A carpeted floor prevented the disturbing noise of moving chairs and moving feet. The local clubwomen anticipated every wish or need of the visiting delegates and much of praise and commendation is due them.

The large number of representative press women in attendance was visible testimony of the growth in vigor and importance of the federation; that all of the important dailies on the coast gave ample space to reports of the meetings gives us grace to believe that we are not only assuming but achieving a definite standard of public service in our commonwealth.

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EDITORIAL

On May 24th the entire nation was shocked by the news of the disaster at Long Beach in which thirty-nine persons lost their lives and two hundred and forty-four were injured through the collapse of a portion of the municipal pier under the weight of the crowd of Empire Day celebrants. The official investigation has established that a rotten girder was responsible for the catastrophe and a board of examining experts has, by inference, laid the blame for its condition upon those whose duty it was to be certain of the safety of public buildings.

Coastwise California is a national playground. Every one of her beach resorts counts not one but many flimsy wooden buildings of the "concession" class, hastily thrown together with but little heed to the ordinary precautions against overstrain and fire. At appalling cost to life and property it has been twice demonstrated in Southern California within the year that the municipal provisions against disaster from these agencies, both of infinitely greater menace at beach resorts than elsewhere, are inadequate.

The Clubwoman can imagine few campaigns on the part of women's clubs of California that would be of greater value than one which will awaken the authorities of our happy-go-lucky resorts to the fearful responsibility which is theirs for the safety of their guests from all the earth.

Fools in the Forest

The open season for the fool who rocks the boat and his blood brother, who builds campfires and leaves them

burning in the woods, is at hand. Of the two the first is considerably preferable. He can only drown as many as the boat will hold and the tragedy has the ameliorating concomitant that he drowns himself at the same time and the world is rid of him. But from the campfire idiot there is no protection, neither is there any limit to the harm he can do. A forest ranger who is far from bloodthirsty said in all seriousness last summer that a regrettable feature of the great San Bernardino mountain fire was that the man who started it was not caught in it and burned up. The chief trouble with this variety of imbecile is that he persistently and monotonously repeats his ebullitions of criminal carelessness—it has been shown, for example, that the same party of hunters was responsible for three serious forest fires within a radius of twenty miles.

According to the supervisors of the California National Forests every indication is for a record-breaking travel in the woods this summer. In the southern end of the state, particularly, the eight-months hike into the Sierra Madres and San Bernardino mountains has already assumed midsummer proportions. With a patience and thoroughness worthy of a better return than has been given them for the past four years the rangers have again begun cranial excavations on the campfire fool and are trying to permanently lodge in the resulting vacancy the few and simple rules formulated for his guidance in the forest.

The first of them is: Be sure your match is out before you throw it away. Drop pipe ashes and stumps of cigars

and cigarettes in the road dust and tramp out the fire in them. Don't build a big campfire, or any at all, if the wind is blowing. Build it in the open—not against a tree or log—and scrape away the trash from about it. Don't leave it, even for a short time, without extinguishing it with water or dirt. If you find a fire try to put it out. If you can't, then get word to the nearest forest ranger or state fire warden at once. Keep in touch with the rangers.

Cloves Our National Dish?

During the last week in May a good many thousand words were flashed under the Atlantic from a little Michigan town where a former president of the United States was suing the editor of a small country paper because the latter accused him of getting drunk. These lengthy dispatches set forth in decorated detail of the summoning of many of the great men of the nation to testify that not only is our former Chief Executive not in that habit but that he did not have that habit at the time he occupied the White House. The contents of the Roosevelt cellarette were rehearsed in solemn affidavit and the number of times the head of a nation of ninety million people mixed brandy with his malted milk was made the subject of international discussion.

There is a proverb about washing one's dirty linen in private which seems not inapropos to the exhibition at Marquette, Mich., supplied by Theodore Roosevelt and George A. Newett, editor of the Ishpeming Iron Ore. For the most part Americans simply laughed over it, because most Americans know how to take the colonel. But, as it remained for the inimitable Marse Henry Watterson to point out, private feuds are one of the luxuries denied an ex-president. Whether justly or not, Roosevelt is still accepted abroad as the type of the best America has produced. The peculiar vividness of his character has made his name known 'round the

world; in obscure corners of the earth where Washington and Lincoln were never heard of the picturesque Rough Rider's teeth have bitten deeply.

No man who ever lived at the upper end of Pennsylvania Avenue has ever escaped bitter, scathing, even libelous personal criticism at the hands of some part of the American press. As a private citizen, Col. Roosevelt had, in the light of the verdict, just cause for airing his personal habits in the courts. But as a private citizen, himself to the contrary notwithstanding, Roosevelt does not exist. Upon him, as upon all figures in the public eye, there is incumbent a certain bigness of character which should put him out of the reach of personal insult. For him to sue an obscure journal for libel is not unlike bringing a battery of field guns to bear on an anthill. To advertise himself around the globe as having been—even unjustly—accused of intemperance is to lend himself to the exploitation of a national accusation.

Verdict Rendered

The striking from the court calendar of Los Angeles county of the third trial on jury-bribing charges of Clarence Darrow, chief defender of the McNamara dynamiters, has probably written the last chapter in that famous case. Although the case has technically been "stricken off to be reset" it is generally understood that Darrow will not be tried again. He has been acquitted once and on his second trial—on another indictment—eight members of the jury voted for conviction. The first case cost the county about \$19,000; the second about \$11,000.

To the disinterested spectator, unmoved by the bitter bias pro and con that has characterized the case, this disposition of Darrow is as satisfactory as can be hoped for. If Darrow is innocent he is also free and he has one corroborative verdict to which to point. If he is guilty he has already paid heavily for the crime in loss of

health, fortune and reputation. Whatever may be said of the first trial, the second was a thoroughly honest and efficient effort to get justice for both sides. There is no reason to believe that any future trial on the same evidence would improve upon it. The taxpayers are satisfied to let the matter rest. Darrow ought to be.

Prose versus Poetry

The ancient conflict between the picturesque and the practical has, by an odd sort of coincidence, just been twice exemplified in California as applying to post mortem honors to two great authors. Joaquin Miller, gentle poet of the Sierras, expressed before his death the wish that his body be burned, as were those of his bard ancestors, from a pyre his own hands built. The city health regulations of Oakland made it impossible for the Bohemian Club to carry out this desire. The effort on the part of certain sincere but perhaps over-zealous admirers of Robert Louis Stevenson to enlist the aid of the school children of California in securing a fund for the maintenance of the author's tomb on the summit of Vaea Mountain, in Samoa, has been promptly blocked by Mrs. Stevenson on the ground that to make the sepulchre a sort of popular resort would be a sacrilegious disregard of his wishes, resulting in more actual harm to that beautiful spot than good possible to accomplish. Soon or late every pretty conceit has to pass beneath the cold and unaesthetic foot-rule of utility and by its hard-headed, workaday verdict stand or fall.

Back to the Land

An eastern periodical of large circulation and considerable influence, the latter chiefly exerted in support of the view that women tend to unsex themselves in departing from the home for other spheres, attracted some attention recently with the statement

that the great bulk of such women gravitate naturally to positions as clerks, stenographers or second-rate teachers. The figures supplied by the last Federal census do not bear out this somewhat hasty verdict. For example, the number of women in the professions proper is 429,497 against 327,635 women teachers, the latter also including college professors. There are, further, 481,159 women in business for themselves or in positions classing above clerkships, as against 239,077 stenographers, accountants and clerks. The last and most interesting item of all appears under the head of "women engaged in agricultural pursuits." The figure is 770,055.

Persona Non Grata

The reception accorded Emma Goldman, high priestess of anarchy, and her man Friday in San Diego on the occasion of their repeated visits is vividly reminiscent of one of Chauncey Depew's old standbys when unexpectedly called upon to be funny. According to Depew a certain objectionable person attempted to attend a political meeting. He was politely but firmly escorted to the door. He went back and this time was hustled forth with less politeness but much more firmly. On his second return he was kicked downstairs. On his fourth he was thrown bodily out of the window and landed on the pavement on his head. He rose painfully and looked long and earnestly at the threatening faces above him. All at once his own lighted with malevolent intelligence and he shouted: "I know what's the matter with you fellows—you just don't want me at your meeting!"

Splitting Split Hairs

A curious example of the intricate working of the law is supplied by the action of a California appellate court in granting a writ of habeas corpus and returning the bail money of a man con-

victed of violating an automobile law and sentenced to thirty days in jail. The ground for ordering the release of the prisoner was that the complaint did not set out that the offending motor was used or operated on the public highway and that there was therefore no offense established. It is tolerably seldom that motor cars run wild in the fields or lightly leap from crag to crag in the fastnesses of the hills—in fact, we understand that most automobiles habitually run upon the public highways. It appears, however, that the complaint took this for granted and for that reason the offender is at liberty to repeat the offense if his tastes continue to run in that direction.

Plumed Coffin-Nails

On May 16 the following highly remarkable dispatch was sent out by one of the great news agencies of the world to about thirty thousand newspapers in all parts of the country:

"Kansas City, Mo.—A campaign against the sale of cigarettes in Kansas was inaugurated by the clubwomen of Kansas City, Kan., today. The council of clubs appointed a committee to co-operate with the women's clubs and humane organizations of the state in an effort to obtain a state law prohibiting the sale of these feathers. Missouri has such a law but it is said milliners in eastern Kansas sell many of the feathers to Missouri women."

The telegraph editor of the Chicago Evening Post tore his hair when he read that. Raging, he had it set up under a caustic headline. Just then the Kansas City wire began clicking frantically:

"Editors, in second line make read sale of aigrettes in Kansas, etc."

The Evening Post appeared with the original dispatch, then the correction and over all the headline: "Why Telegraph Editors Are Prematurely Gray."

QUILL SPLUTTERINGS.

Mrs. Barney Hemmick, a suffragist of Washington, says that in 2013 A. D. kissing will be a lost art and everybody will wear trousers. Fortunately, however, we will all be dead before then.

It has been recently exploited far and wide that Mary Garden has realized her life's ambition by finding a man under her bed. It is about four to one that the man was a press agent.

One-fifth of the people in New York City depend upon charity. Not the smallest class of these is the woman who fumbles and fumbles for carfare until her friend pays for them both.

Theodosia Roosevelt, the oldest hen in America and author of 7500 eggs, is dead at her home in Pasadena. It is thought some miscreant told her about Dr. Jacques Loeb and the frog.

A grizzly bear of Walden, Colo., attacked a speeding automobile the other day. The outcome might have been avoided had the bear ever read a Los Angeles Monday morning paper.

The man who said there is nothing new under the sun should be told of the impending strike of the steel workers of Gary, Ind., based on a demand for longer hours and more work.

When Mr. Bryan gave that grape-juice dinner and his guests cheered the beverage 19,437 paragraphers wrote that this was because it couldn't cheer them. But we didn't.

The umpty-steen schools of mental healing raised their quotations ten per cent. when forty doctors at Sacramento defeated a measure to have prescriptions written in English by the candid admission that vinegar and water does a patient no good if he knows that that's all he is taking.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

The past month has been one of preparation for the ensuing club year, especially in the readjustment of department work. The executive board considered very carefully the plan of reorganization of departments and found no provision in the constitution and by-laws, as they now stand, for the proposed change. Hence the subjects presented as a program of work will follow the usual method: each subject considered as a separate de-

partment. The new topics of "Peace," "Literature" and "Country Life" are added and the civic department will include the study of Political Science. Reorganization, like redistricting, will be a holdover topic for the next convention.

A visit to Riverside in May to consult the local club women on arrangements for next year's convention resulted in the election of a local board of management under the leadership of

Mrs. J. H. Holland, of Riverside, the past vice-president of the Southern District. The date of the convention was decided upon—April 28, 1914, to May 2, inclusive. The by-laws provide that the convention in a "biennial" year shall be held at least a month before the Biennial Convention, G. F. W. C. In 1914 "Biennial" meets in Chicago in June. Mr. Frank Miller, the friendly host of the "Mission Inn" had arranged a luncheon for the president on her arrival at Riverside, which was followed by an open meeting of the local clubwomen to discuss the detail of convention arrangements. These details will be given due publicity in the "Clubwoman." We rest in the thought that everything will be ready for us when we meet in Riverside next year. A conference with the board members in Los Angeles and a subsequent meeting with the executive board in San Francisco followed, to decide upon appointments before the vacation months.

We note with extreme pleasure the appointment of Mrs. Ella Westland as federation editor of the "Clubwoman." We know that under her supervision the federation work will be presented in a coherent, logical manner. This appointment includes the chairmanship of "Press" and continues Mrs. Westland as a member of the executive board. We hope the club women generally will show their appreciation of the "new way" by sending in their subscriptions to the "Clubwoman," P. O. Box 1066, Los Angeles. We intend to present all of the work of all the departments in the "Clubwoman," so if you would know what the federation has to offer you must take the magazine. In a recent comparison and study of the club magazines, it seems wise and helpful to say that we found the "Clubwoman" high in the list of those most creditable in content and conduct. Clubwomen will note that Mrs. Annie Little Barry will conduct a department of Parliamentary Practice for the "Clubwoman" and any vexed questions of usage, or any re-

quest for advice or instruction will be answered by Mrs. Barry, whose address is in the list of chairmen of departments.

The month of May was notable in the San Francisco and Alameda districts for the closing functions. Receptions, lunches and breakfasts were numerous and, since the president was invited to all, it would be invidious to make comparisons; suffice it to say that all were marked by cordiality and the gracious spirit of reciprocity. The Burlingame Woman's club is to be congratulated on the completion of a new clubhouse. Their open day in their own home showed a building perfectly adapted to their every need, at a reasonable investment. The newest thing in San Francisco is "The Presidents' Assembly." The membership includes only presidents of clubs, past and present. The purpose is to perpetuate the spirit of comradeship, to foster reciprocity and to be a nucleus for any future need in the city of San Francisco. Miss Christine Hart is the president and the association meets quarterly.

The executive committee have in preparation the Year Book and a compilation of "outlines for work" from the respective chairmen of departments. These will be sent to all club presidents during the summer months and we hope the chairmen of club programs can hold their lists open until they can consider the entire federation program. Nothing is so binding as the "Calendar for the Year;" nothing so alive as the "Monthly Calendar," which responds to current thought.

The action of the convention at Fresno in applying the biennial surplus of \$2,500 to the endowment fund was telegraphed to the council of the G. F. W. C. in session at Washington and became a part of their records.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. James W. Orr.

THE OUTLOOK FOR WORLD-WIDE PEACE

By a significant coincidence the Treaty of London, which definitely ends the war between Turkey and the allies of the Balkan peninsula, was signed on May 30, the day on which all America united to do honor to the memory of the heroes of the bitterest struggle at arms in modern history. Memorial Day, whose meaning is not so much a perpetuation of the fearful legacy of the Civil War as a national prayer that that costly lesson shall not be in vain, will never have a more notable commemoration.

On the same day Secretary of State Bryan announced in Washington that eight great nations had responded favorably to his plan for international peace and that, further, no nation to which it was submitted had replied adversely, though a number asked for more time to consider it. Those which have signified their willingness to enter into the peace agreement are Italy, Great Britain, France, Brazil, Sweden, Norway, Peru and Russia. To each of these tentative plans for a forthcoming conference have been forwarded. It is later reported that Japan is favorably considering the plan.

Nor it is to be overlooked that within the past two months three arbitration treaties have been renewed for a period of five years. On May 31, also, a renewal of the general arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain, which provides for the submission to a board of arbiters of all matters of international variance, was sealed at Washington with a coin of the great Philip of Macedon.

The treaty of London was signed by peace delegates from Turkey, Bulgaria, Servia, Greece and Montenegro in St. James Palace, Sir Edward Grey, British foreign secretary, presiding. It was significant that each delegate signed the seven brief articles of the treaty without even reading them and that the proposal was immediately made that it should become effective at once. Though this was rejected to make way

for a forthcoming protocol, the incident made apparent how eager the nations at conflict were for a cessation of strife.

On the other hand Germany has just decided to spend a quarter of a billion dollars for extraordinary military purposes and has in contemplation not less extraordinary methods for raising the money. One of these is a levy which is quite frankly denominated a war tax, not on incomes, but on the principal of private fortunes. Below fifty thousand dollars these are to pay one dollar and a quarter for each five hundred dollars and so on up, till those above twenty-five millions dollars pay four per cent. of their total—approximately four-fifths of its income.

To be mentioned also is the reported success of the Huerta government, of Mexico, in filling its war chest with one hundred million dollars—a national loan from European bankers—for the continuation of the strife which has just given the western hemisphere its first example of the use of the aeroplane as an engine of war. Simultaneously Huerta announces a campaign of extermination against Zapata, which, from past experience, is taken to mean an indefinite prolongation of fighting below the border.

As these words are written the Japanese situation is one which still occupies, by reason of its uncertainty, a prominent place in the eye of America. That the pending diplomatic negotiations may put another face on the matter is possible, but at the moment the moment the consensus of opinion on both sides of the Pacific is that the difficulties arising from the passage of the anti-alien land law will be adjusted through nothing more serious than an appeal to international law.

It is significant that the great majority of those whose ill-considered words have added to the tenseness of the war scare are military men, not a few of them with an axe to grind for use on the present naval and military

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THE COLEMAN HOUSE ASSOCIATION

By Mrs. Joseph E. Coleman

Chairman of Philanthropy, Los Angeles District. C. F. W. C.

As a result of many years of social service work in the east, and later in the city of Los Angeles, I became much interested in the work of playground settlements, and for that reason I established my home near one of those playgrounds when I moved to this city.

Alongside of the Echo Park playground I have labored for years, in fact, several years before the playground was built I did the social service work of the neighborhood. As a result of those years of labor in the northwest section of the city, and the direct overflow of the philanthropic endeavor of the Rosecrans Study club, of which I was the founder and president I was urged to form some kind of a social service organization to further plans for a larger work in other sections of the city.

May 1, 1912, I instructed my secretary to send out a card of invitation to the various women's clubs of Los Angeles district, inviting them to send their president and chairman of civics and philanthropy to meet at Echo Park club house. More than fifty clubs responded to this call and the Coleman House Association had its birth.

The object of the association is all kinds of social service work, including philanthropic, educational and patriotic work among the foreigners and immigrants who come to our city to make their homes with us. Our motto is, "To Dignify the Common Things of Life, for the uplift of Humanity."

The association was organized along the broadest lines of social economy and is strictly non-sectarian. It is doing practical social service work in the foreign district on the east side of Los Angeles. The association is just one year old, having passed its first milestone, May 15th, and the Coleman House was established only eight months ago, October 7, 1912; yet the

good results have been little short of marvelous.

Our first beginning was in a modest dwelling at 402 Bauchet street, with



MRS. JOSEPH E. COLEMAN,
and some little Coleman Housers.

one resident worker, Miss Margaret Stark, a brave little woman who lived all alone until after our Christmas party, at which time we invited three hundred and fifteen children with a Christmas tree and program.

In January Miss Mary Le Claire came to live with us and help with the rapidly increasing work, and before we had reached the birthday of the association, May 15th, it was necessary to install a third worker, Miss Jennie Borring, to keep up with the ever increasing demand for more workers. The three cannot do nearly half of what should be done, and several volunteer workers come and go in the afternoons and evenings to assist in the work of the classes in English.

One of the first things that is taught is to love and respect our "National Banner," the American Flag, that floats daily over our portal. Children vie with the grownups as to who shall raise the flag over the house in the morning, and it has come to be such a serious matter that honor marks are given for cleanliness and good behavior that each may have a turn, thus teaching some splendid lessons in civics and morals as well as that loftiest of all sentiment, patriotism.

Classes are daily taught in house-keeping, sanitation and sewing, and a splendid, special class in story telling and temperance one afternoon of the week. Four evenings of the week are given over to English and our classroom is comfortably full of men and boys and occasionally a few women and girls struggling with their might to learn a new language that will help them on in the new country of their adoption.

Wednesday and Saturday evenings are kept free for "At Homes" just to see friends and rest our poor tired workers, who labor from early until late with all the problems of a neighborhood in a foreign settlement.

One of the most strenuous duties is the nursing of the sick and the lame; to one patient alone over sixty visits

were made just to wash and dress a sore limb that the doctors thought would have to be amputated but, with the constant care given by our little "House Mother" and nurse, the man was brought through and now goes on his way, happy to be earning his living by laying brick.

Time and space forbids that I should enlarge on this one phase of the work, but suffice to say, children are born, accidents happen, and our people are subject to all the ills and surgical operations that any other people are subject to, and we take care of them all. So far, only one death has occurred in our neighborhood in the eight months, and that was not directly under our care. That we must soon have a clinic goes without saying. Added to the duties of nursing the sick and caring for the poor and unfortunate, is the social and moral side of the question, which occupies as much of our time and interest as teaching patriotism and citizenship. To this end we have not only classes in temperance and story telling through the week, but have also provided for Sunday afternoon work, when a "quiet hour" known as the "vesper hour" is observed, at which time good music is a feature and we endeavor to have a speaker who can, in a broad and liberal way, speak on subjects moral and spiritual common to all. These meetings are well attended and are growing in popularity each week.

The social service work is all given free, including teaching and nursing, unless some one chooses to pay a little, a small fee of a few pennies is just as acceptable as a dollar; we let the recipient be the judge of what it is worth to him and then take whatever he can afford to pay, be it ever so little or not at all, if he has nothing to give.

Clothing of good quality is given away or sold on Tuesday from our little store on the back of the lot from 9 to 5 o'clock, and this is done in much the same way that we do all the other

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MRS. ELLA WESTLAND
Federation Editor of The Clubwoman

WHAT THE LEGISLATURE HAS DONE

The fortieth annual session of the California General Assembly was brought to a close in Sacramento May 12 after ninety-four days of work, during which about 4,000 bills were introduced, about 1,300 passed and a net total of about \$21,000,000 of state funds appropriated, exclusive of \$13,000,000 of the automatic budget. The cost of the session is placed at about \$350,000.

The interval has provided a much-needed perspective upon the general results accomplished and has permitted the dust to settle sufficiently for the unbiased observer to take stock on these results with approximate accuracy. As Governor Johnson pointed out, with a barely perceptible wince, in his parting message to the legislators, the procedure of the bifurcated session was marked by a bitterness of opposition, a virulence and a hostility seldom equaled in the legislative history of the state. So long as the proof of the putting remains in the eating of it, it is too soon to say how much of this was justified and how much proceeded from the theory, more or less carefully cherished in many quarters, that whatever was done was wrong. There are, however, many features of the finished program whose prospective fruits already lend themselves to pre-judgment.

Outside of the anti-alien law the following measures enacted stand out in special significance:

The Mothers' Pension Act, providing for three children's agents to supervise the expending of a fund amounting to \$430,000 annually for the benefit of orphans and half-orphans.

The Civil Service Act, creating a State Civil Service Commission and extending the merit competitive system of appointment to practically every state official except those directly named by the governor.

The Iowa Abatement and Injunction Act, aimed at the segregation of vice through rendering it possible to secure an injunction against a disorderly

house.

Minimum Wage Act, providing for the appointment of an industrial welfare commission to investigate wages, hours and condition of labor of women and children, with full power to fix new rates of wages.

Employers' Liability and Workmen's Compensation Act, providing for the compulsory compensation of injured workmen by their employers, creating a state insurance fund whereby employers may transfer their liability to the state and establishing safety requirements for shops and factories.

An act raising the age of protection for girls from 16 to 18 years.

An act to compel fathers to support illegitimate children.

A health certificate for marriage law, applying to men.

Joint Guardianship Act, giving women equal rights over their minor children.

A psychopathic parole law providing for the parole of those mentally abnormal but not dangerously insane, under the care of psychopathic parole officers.

The creation of an Immigration and Housing Commission to prevent the exploitation of immigrants.

The creation of a State Water Commission in line with the recommendations of women's clubs in the direction of conservation of water and water power.

An act providing for the rigid inspection of dairies and their regulation by the State Board of Health.

An act providing for the reorganization of the State Board of Education, which now consists of the state superintendent of public instruction, the governor and the principals of the state normal schools. The new board will consist of the two first named and in addition four members to be named by the governor. This body will appoint three commissioners, one of elementary, one of secondary and the third of

vocational and industrial education.

The creation of a State Board of Forestry, to consist of a state forester, the governor, the secretary of state and the attorney general. Its functions shall be the protection and conservation of the state timber.

The creation of a State Training School for girls. The sum of \$200,000 was appropriated for this purpose.

The extension of the eight-hour law for women to include training school nurses and employees of apartment houses and lodgings.

An act requiring the registration for licensing purposes of hospitals and nurses.

An act providing for the payment of wages to prisoners in state prisons and for aiding discharged convicts. A total of \$160,000 was appropriated for this purpose.

A teachers' pension act, providing for the payment by the state of \$500 a year to teachers who have served thirty years or more.

The White Slave Act, modeled after the interstate federal law, prohibiting trafficking in women between counties.

The creation of a commission to investigate a system of old age and mothers' pensions, to report to the next legislature.

The "blue sky law," providing for a corporation commissioner who shall supervise the issuance and sale of investment securities and prevent fraudulent and wildcat concerns from victimizing the public.

Radical revision of the primary election law, providing among other things for nonpartisan elections in cities and counties.

Weights and Measures Act, providing for a state system of inspection and regulation of weights and measures.

Creation of State Irrigation Commission to exercise general supervision over irrigation districts.

Appropriation of \$350,000 for reclamation work along the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers.

An act providing for the direct election of United States senators.

An act requiring the licensing of real estate dealers in order to protect the public from unscrupulous operators.

An act requiring the registration of tubercular persons.

An act prohibiting the sale of liquor between the hours of 2 and 6 a. m.

A revision of the state tenement house law.

Creation of a State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation.

Net Container Act, requiring the amount of net contents of any package of foodstuffs to be printed on the outside of the package.

Motor Vehicle Act, placing registration in the hands of the state engineer, requiring annual licenses and making many changes in road laws.

Raising the rates of taxation on gross incomes of public utilities to add about \$2,000,000 a year to the state revenue.

Revision of the state banking law and removing many of the stringent provisions provided by the act of 1907, passed in the panic year.

Creation of a Legislative Counsel Bureau to draw up new laws and constitutional amendments.

Discriminatory Practices Act, prohibiting certain business methods in order to foster and regulate competition.

Provision for indeterminate sentences for all crimes except murder.

Appropriation of \$500,000 for the distribution of free text-books.

A series of laws intended to better the condition of working people, particularly children, and for the legal protection of dependents.

In preparing this list of important measures an effort has been made to give priority to those which are of special interest to club women because of the latter's unswerving and undivided efforts to secure their passage. No active member of the State Federation

will need to have her attention directed to the remarkable success which has attended these efforts. To others less well informed on the subject a comparison of this list with the first legislative program of the federation will furnish a striking proof of the enormous influence wielded at Sacramento by women's clubs. A lack of space prohibits an extended comment upon these particular measures and the results which they may justifiably be expected to produce. It is perhaps sufficient to point out that the record of success is one exceeded by none in the history of American legislation within the same period.

No account of the proceedings of the legislature would, however, be just without a brief summary of the principal bills which failed of passage. Some of them failed because they deserved to fail, others because popular sentiment has not yet been sufficiently aroused to their need. In the first category may be mentioned such bills as those seeking to regulate the size

of eggs and the dress to be worn by school children, permitting "peaceful picketing" during strikes, fining citizens who fail to vote on election day, abolishing the assembly, providing a universal eight-hour day for all workers, payment of campaign expenses by the city, county and state, and the like.

Others against which there was a marked preponderance of sentiment were those abolishing capital punishment, substituting the electric chair for the gallows, abolishing the militia, state control of fire insurance rates, "corrupt practices act," anti-injunction act, anti-prizefight law, most of those seeking to regulate the sale of liquor and cigarettes, regulation of lobbyists at Sacramento, providing one day of rest in seven for all workers, recall of judicial decisions, division of California into two states, commission to "abolish poverty," income tax, Webb anti-trust act, old age pensions and requiring the name of manufacturers to be placed on all packages of foodstuffs.

PRESIDENT WILSON AND THE CIVIL SERVICE

The reorganization of the United States Civil Service Commission, which at this time appears imminent and sweeping, is a matter of vital import to the General Federation of Women's Clubs and to its individual units as much for the motives which actuate President Wilson in effecting it as for its probable fruits in reshaping the ends toward which the federation has been steadily working for the past eleven years. Of particular significance seem the resignations of Gen. John C. Black, of Illinois, as president of the commission, and its Republican commissioner, William Washburn, of New York.

In making his decision to radically alter the personnel of the only—nominally at least—non-political body in the national government the new chief

executive is represented as writing a protest against the red tape of bureau technicalities with which the commission has hitherto, partially doubtless from necessity, been bound round. That a too-strict adherence to formality and precedent militate against efficiency in the service is admitted even by those opposing the change. It is to be regarded as unfortunate, however, that there should have been even smoke enough to justify the veiled charges made by a number of Democratic senators to the effect that three-fourths of the appointments made under a supposedly competitive merit system should have been of Republican complexion.

From this distance it appears, however, that the principal motive back of the reorganization is the desire of the

president to inject fresh blood into the commission and to render it plastic to his own pronounced views in the direction of civil service reform. If the advisability of what amounts to the removal of its chief after ten years' service is debatable there is at least no question but that Mr. Wilson is acting for what he believes to be the best interests of the system. He has expressed himself from the platform and in his writings as being thoroughly in accord with the general principle of reform in the civil service and more recently that he will continue to apply this principle to the classified service.

Gen. Black has been a member of the commission since December, 1903, and its president since January of the year following. The commission is bipartisan and Gen. Black was appointed as a Democrat by President Roosevelt. Washburn was named as a commissioner by President Taft in May, 1909, prior to which time he was for nine years a civil service examiner at Washington. John A. McIlhenny, of Louisiana, the third member of the commission, is a Democrat named by Roosevelt. Charles M. Galloway, who is slated to succeed Gen. Black, is a South Carolina Democrat and clerk to the Senate Commission on Immigration. George D. Wales, the probable successor to Washburn, is an inactive Republican, hailing from Vermont.

Of that part of the shakeup more directly affecting the interests of club women, there is satisfaction in the expressed determination of Mr. Wilson to retain Miss Julia Lathrop as head of the Children's Bureau. The latter is distinctly a creation of the General Federation and Miss Lathrop was made its head as the result of federation recommendation based upon manifest fitness and for no partisan reasons.

The history of civil service reform endeavor in the General Federation, brought to its present state under the

direction of the late Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker and Mrs. Imogen B. Oakley, of Philadelphia, chairmen of the department, has been a history of necessity. The department was created in 1902 as a means of combating the corruption and inefficiency in public office, which on every side hampered the federation in its work for social, industrial and economic improvement. The expressed aim of the department's efforts, in which it is seconded by like organizations in the state federations, is to secure the passage in every commonwealth of general laws regulating all appointments to public office. In those states where the franchise has been extended to women it has been used with good effect in that direction. Elsewhere the work has for the most part taken the form of educating the public to the need for reform.

In the latter means to an end particularly has the influence of Mrs. Oakley been everywhere felt. Herself for years a student of the question and the author of a syllabus accepted as the last word upon the subject, she has been tireless in spreading its gospel among clubs, schools and the public at large. In California, at the end of a year's work as state chairman of this department, Mrs. A. E. Osborne wrote:

"Women of this age, with their increased facilities for education, with their abundant leisure, can exert, if they will, a powerful influence in creating and directing public opinion to secure true and righteous service. When this demand becomes dominant, when politicians and the place hunters find out that the public will tolerate official dishonesty no longer, but demand that all positions be filled by men and women who regard office as a trust, sacred and positive, then greed and graft and selfish self-seeking will be replaced by honest service everywhere."

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CONTEST FOR A FEDERATION HYMN

BY THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT, G. F. W. C.

The following announcement, received by Mme. Emilia Tojetti, second vice-chairman of the Music Committee of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, will be of interest to every club of musical activities:

A contest for words and music for a "Federation Hymn" has been arranged by the department of music, G. F. W. C. The words for such contest will be received by the general federation chairman of music until July 1, 1913. The announcement of the choice of words will be published in full in the General Federation Magazine of September, 1913. Music adapted to the words chosen will be received by the same chairman until January 1, 1914.

The committee of the Department of Music will award a prize of fifty dollars each, for words and music, to successful competitors. It is desired that the music be written in two parts for women's voices. The contest is open to all women members of the General

Federation of Women's Clubs. The name of the author of words or composer of music must be enclosed in a sealed envelope accompanying the manuscript.

The "Federation Hymn" will be presented at the biennial of 1914 at Chicago.

Address Mrs. Lawrence Maxwell, chairman of music, G. F. W. C., Cincinnati, O.

Mme. Tojetti points out that this communication is received too late for California clubs to compete in the poem contest, but not too late for that for the music. It is to be hoped that all clubs possessing musical talent in the California federation—and they are many—will compete. The Clubwoman will make arrangements to secure and publish a copy of the winning words at the earliest possible time in order that the contest may be expedited.

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DISTRICT NEWS

Los Angeles.

Though their relative profit is a matter of dispute much older than women's clubs the latter share with all else progressive a tendency to prefer the prospect to the retrospect. The end of the club year affords remarkable facilities for both, in the summarization of work accompanied and in the planning of work to come.

In prospective the Los Angeles district is already a hive of industry. Mrs. W. C. Mushet has already named her department chairmen and the plans for the coming year are definitely formulated. The appointees are:

Art, Mrs. T. M. Walker, of the Ruskin Art club; Music, Mrs. John J. Abramson, Harmonia club; Literature, Mrs. Samuel Epler, College Woman's club; Political Science, Mrs. Harry J. Slater, Santa Monica; Legislature, Mrs. Morgan Jones, South Pasadena; Civics, Mrs. Christopher M. Gordon, Highland Park Ebell; Press, Mrs. Orlando C. Vogel, Southern California Woman's Press club; Peace, Mrs. J. B. Nichols, Compton; Country Life, Miss Elizabeth Whitcomb, Glendora; Civil Service Reform, Mrs. W. O. Galentine, Redondo Beach.

The following reappointments are made: Education, Mrs. John H. Francis; Club Extension, Mrs. Edward P. Foster, Ventura, and Mrs. Godfrey Edwards, Eagle Rock. Conservation—Forestry, Mrs. W. K. Walker, Alhambra; Waterways, Mrs. H. H. Hutchinson, Monrovia; Health, Dr. Elinor Seymour; Necrology, Mrs. A. S. Clark; Whittier; Household Economics, Mrs. Charles C. Adams, Long Beach; Reciprocity, Mrs. Lloyd W. Harmon; Club House Loan Fund, Mrs. John J. Steadman; History and Landmarks, Miss Mary Rhodes. Mrs. Orr, state president, has named as the Los Angeles district chairman of the Sarah Platt Decker General Federation Endowment Fund, Mrs. Calvin Hartwell, of Pasadena.

Among the state federation chairmanships which come to Southern California may be mentioned the following: Philanthropy, Mrs. William Baurhyte; Social and Industrial Conditions, Mrs. Katherine Edson; Music, Mrs. George H. Hutton; Editor of Club News, Mrs. Ella Westland; Forestry, Mrs. Foster Elliott; Art, Mrs. Miguel Estudillo.

Mrs. Orr was the guest of the district during the early part of the month, visiting Riverside to arrange for the next annual convention, which will be held there April 28-May 2, inclusive, 1914. On May 16 she presided over a meeting of Southern California executive board members held at the Van Nuys hotel, Los Angeles. It was decided at this meeting that the constitution, which provides for no subcommittees, will allow of no change in the system of work before another year, when an amendment will be offered making this possible. Four new departments—Peace, Political Science, Country Life and Literature—will be added.

In many respects the closing month has been the most important of the year for the Los Angeles Ebell club—in a measure because it has constituted a sort of general epitome of the entire season's activities. The greatest interest naturally centered about the election of officers for the ensuing year and the unanimous re-election of Mrs. William L. Jones, of 2096 Harvard boulevard, Los Angeles, as president, was the club's effective manner of expressing its appreciation of the value and inspiration of her leadership.

The election was held June 2, two hundred and sixty-six votes being cast. Mrs. James Tabor Fitzgerald was elected first vice-president; Mrs. George P. Thresher, second vice-president; Mrs. George Brock, third vice-president; Mrs. S. M. Browne, fourth vice-president; Miss Mattie Wilson,



MRS. WILLIAM L. JONES

Re-elected president of the Los Angeles Ebell Club

corresponding secretary; Miss Ellen Augusta Lamb, recording secretary; Miss Charlotte Rockwell, treasurer; Mrs. Thomas B. Stowell, general curator; Mrs. Edward W. Martindale and Mrs. William Read, directors. Mrs. E. C. Bellows was chairman of the election board, its other members being Mrs. Chester Ashley, Mrs. William Warren Oreutt, Mrs. C. P. Flint and Mrs. Sumner P. Hunt.

Greater activity than ever before has marked the year's work of the Los Angeles Ebell in civic and educational affairs. A special feature of this has been the co-operative programs undertaken with the city schools. Two new departments—social science and bird study—have been added during the year.

Worthy of more than a passing note were the annual department luncheons which closed the year's work in orderly succession for the many divisions of the club. The first was that of the new social department, with Mrs. E. C. Dieter in charge. The speakers were Mrs. Robert J. Burdette and Mrs. William Read. At the luncheon of the books and conversation department, Mrs. W. S. Bartlett, curator, which was held under the leadership of Mrs. W. S. Cross, Mrs. C. C. Ashley, Mrs. J. W. Van Vleve, Mrs. P. G. Hubert and Mrs. W. R. Mail presented interesting literary reviews. Mrs. Ashley presided at the notable luncheon of the civics department, at which nearly one hundred members were present and twenty-eight of the Forward Work Council presented their reports in the form of toasts. A continuation of the study of Berlin kept the art and travel department busy up to the last moment of its year. The speakers at its annual luncheon, in charge of Mrs. Charlotte E. Wood, were Miss Anna Beckley, Mrs. R. J. Richardson, Mrs. C. Q. Stanton and Mrs. J. H. Francis. The drama luncheon was held May 22 with Mrs. Voorhees in charge. An able critical program was presented by Miss Helen Louise Kimball, Mrs. Mila Tupper Maynand and Mrs. Willoughby

Rodman. Mrs. Charles E. Anderson presided over the luncheon of the Shakespeare department, May 27. The program consisted of a resume by topics of the year's work and based on *Othello*, *Cymbeline*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Love's Labor Lost* and *The Winter's Tale*.

The final luncheon of the departments was held May 28 under the direction of Mrs. Harmon Ryus, curator of the music department, and was marked by perhaps the most elaborate song recital the club has yet enjoyed. Mme. Katherine Fiske was the guest of honor and sang on this occasion for the first time since her retirement. Others who contributed to the enjoyment of the occasion were Mrs. Sidney Webb, violinist, and Axel Simonsen, cellist.

The one other day of the month of note for the Ebell club was California day, celebrated Tuesday, May 13. "California—Past and Present," was the subject, treated in turn by Bishop Joseph Johnson, Gen. Harrison Gray Otis and John S. McGroarty, the latter in place of Bishop Conaty, who was unable to be present. Bishop Johnson spoke of the Boundary Stone League, Gen. Otis of the Ocean-to-Ocean Highway and Mr. McGroarty of El Camino Real, which he accomplished partly by reciting his own "The King's Highway."

The withdrawal from the candidacy for president of the Friday Morning club of Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles and Mrs. Andrew Stewart Lobingier left only Mrs. Russell Judson Waters as nominee and she was unanimously and enthusiastically elected at the meeting of June 6. Elected to serve with Mrs. Waters are Mrs. Thomas Allan Box, first vice-president; Mrs. Seward A. Simons, second vice-president; Mrs. Will F. Thurston, recording secretary; Mrs. Andrew W. Francisco, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Frank Garrett, treasurer. Mrs. Helen Henderson Steckel led the ticket for directors with two hundred and thirty-eight votes out of two hundred and fifty-eight cast.

The other directors elected are Mrs. E. R. Brainerd, Mrs. J. J. Abramson, Mrs. E. Stanton Hodgkin and Mrs. Donald Skeel.

Two notable addresses which marked the meeting were those of Mrs. Katherine Phillips Edson and Mrs. Josepha H. Tolhurst, who were readily but somewhat mirthfully recognized under these "new" names, though it is admitted that they are better known as Mrs. Charles Farwell Edson and Mrs. Shelley Tolhurst. Mrs. Edson gave a clever and vigorous exposition of the manner in which the wheels go 'round at Sacramento during the sessions of the legislature, with some keen sidelights on the workings of the lobby, which she denominated the "third house." She added to her similar address at the Fresno convention much information of value to club women, more especially touching upon the Iowa Abatement Act. In spite of the many victories for which she was personally responsible at Sacramento she cautioned her hearers against an excess of zeal in the work and counseled them to be content with legislating slowly but surely.

Mrs. Tolhurst's talk was a brilliant, semi-ironical disquisition upon "What may we presume to infer from all this?"—a resume of things in general from the recall election in San Francisco to the idiosyncrasies of a matinee idol who unmercifully lambasted Los Angeles because the flowing bowl goes dry at midnight there and who then proceeded to buy himself a \$20,000

home and settle down in the despised village. She made a light but searching commentary upon the election of Police Judge Rose as mayor, pointing out that a factor in his success was the undoubted touchiness of certain voters as to the supposed difference between a city and a town. The speaker coined one expression which is likely to become a classic in clubdom with the words: "Why should a bishop be a man?" The point brought out was that women are as well fitted for the high places of the church and the law as those who regularly don women's garb in performing their august functions.

The program of the morning was followed by a luncheon at which the speakers were Kiyo Sue Inui, general secretary of the Japanese Association of America; Prof. Calvin Cady and Edmund Mitchell, "of England and the world."

On Wednesday, June 11, the South Pasadena Woman's Improvement Association will lay the cornerstone of their new \$10,000 club house at Fremont avenue and Rollins street. It will be preceded by a reciprocity picnic in Garfield park, at which the guests will be representatives of the district clubs and South Pasadena officials. The new club house, a two-story building, will contain a large auditorium, banquet hall, reception room, open-air reading room, art gallery and dressing rooms.

One of the brilliant affairs of the month was the annual luncheon of the

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Hollywood Woman's club, attended by over two hundred members. The principal speaker was Mrs. Cornelius Cole, who took her subject, "How the World Wags," as a means to point out the dangers of modern tendencies in dress and amusements. The following officers were installed: Mrs. Cassius Smith, president; Mrs. H. T. Wright, first vice-president; Mrs. Jacob Sterns, second vice-president; Mrs. G. G. Greenwood, corresponding secretary; Mrs. L. W. Burdette, recording secretary; Mrs. Jay Horrington, treasurer; Mrs. J. F. Hedhead, Mrs. Will Thilenius, Mrs. L. Frank Baum, Mrs. Guy Hinkley and Mrs. J. R. Hubbard directors.

The sympathy of the district is extended to the Reciprocity club because of the serious injuries sustained in the Long Beach disaster by its founder and president, Mrs. Catherine Pierce Wheat. At the annual meeting of the club Mrs. Wheat was re-elected, with Mrs. F. L. Scofield, first vice-president; Mrs. Curtis D. Wilbur, second vice-president; Mrs. James Baker, recording secretary, and Miss Naomi Glick, secretary.

SAN FRANCISCO.

The women of this district are closely following up their notable victory in the recall of Police Judge Weller with a systematic investigation of police court methods. A conference was held at the San Francisco Center on

June 3 to consider the appointment of a police court committee whose regular duty shall be attendance at the arraignment of women—this preliminary to the establishment of a separate court to hear women's cases. Among those quoted as strongly favoring such a court are Mrs. L. M. Carter, director of the San Francisco Center; Dr. Caroline C. Coffin, president of the Housewives' League; Miss Margaret B. Curry, chairman of the Social Science department of the California club; Mrs. B. F. Cook, chairman of the civics section of the Corona club, and Mrs. Olivia Kingsland, first vice-president of the Women's Political League. Mixed juries, a cessation of the present practice of exploiting women in police courts and a general housecleaning of the inferior tribunals are among the features advocated.

One of the gala events of the month was the annual May festival of the Collegiate Alumnae, held May 24 at the Ross Valley home of the national president, Mrs. Alexander F. Morrison. The day was devoted to a Shakespearean pageant and the guests, garbed as Shakespearean characters, took enthusiastic part in a series of picturesque group-tableaux. The fete was in charge of Miss Lulu J. Blumberg, assisted by Miss Douglass Whitehead, Miss Virginia Whitehead, Miss Henrietta Stadtmuller, Mrs. W. J. Drew, Mrs. G. F. Reinhardt and Mrs. L. G. Harrier.

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The To-Kalon club closed its year on June 3 with the election and installation of officers, committee reports and the luncheon given by the directorate to the members. The new officers are: Mrs. George A. Mullin, president; Mrs. F. H. Jones, first vice-president; Mrs. J. D. Jessup, second vice-president; Mrs. R. Cadwallader, third vice-president; Mrs. Robert H. Dunbar, recording secretary; Mrs. H. C. Stevens, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Ed. J. Wales, business secretary; Mrs. J. M. Dixon, treasurer; Mrs. Frank Brittain, auditor; Mrs. A. B. Johnston, historian; Mrs. A. A. Brown, Mrs. E. C. Jones, Mrs. F. R. Grannis, Miss Jeanette Meeker, Mrs. Charles Kerr and Mrs. George H. Evans, directors.

SAN JOAQUIN.

One of the principal events of the year's end for the San Joaquin district is the annual June fiesta of the Mo-

desto Woman's Improvement club, preparations for which have been in active progress for the past month. The Modesto organization, hostess at the recent district convention, is the second largest club in the district and, in its seven years of life, has acquired a reputation for undertaking and accomplishing civic improvements on a large scale.

The club now owns sixty-three acres of parks, forty-eight of which have been extensively improved. This requires an annual expenditure of \$3,600, most of which is raised at the June fiestas. In addition the women of the club have planted and cared for trees on all the main roads leading out of Modesto. They were the first to agitate the need for a public library in Modesto, starting and maintaining it by their individual endeavor until the city trustees were awakened to their responsibility in this direction. Their influence has also been largely felt in nearly every movement for civic good within the past few years.

Last year a literary section was added and a full course in modern drama and a cycle of reading on the adolescent period of life were liberally patronized. During this spring the literary study has alternated with a course in nineteenth century art. The present president of the San Joaquin district, Mrs. H. A. Bates, and its corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. W. Wilbur, are members of this club.

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It is only fair to point out that a considerable measure of the enthusiastic patronage of the different markets already established has been due to the tireless efforts of the women's clubs of their vicinities. The kitchen-to-kitchen wireless system has been kept constantly at work carrying the message of reduced prices of foodstuffs obtainable at the outlay of matutinal excursions with the market basket. In more than one instance disinterested club women have taken the time and trouble to spread the gospel of larger economy from door to door in order that the curb custom, starting with a boom, should not diminish.

With the minimum possibility of error it may be said that the club women of Los Angeles faced a more difficult problem in fostering the curb

market in that city than in most of those where the idea has been previously exploited. There is no part of the city where it is not possible to buy fresh vegetables daily at one's door, so completely has the huckster system been developed. John Chinaman with his sleek horse and overflowing wagon is everywhere and it will be long before the curb market will drive his childlike and bland smile and his outside prices from the landscape entirely. To the sleepy, wrapper-clad and curl-papered he is too convenient.

There are few cities, moreover, where the great privately-owned markets, jobbers and commission houses for the most part, are more firmly entrenched or where the 'cross-the-street green grocer is more ubiquitous. The custom of years continues to bring the bulk of produce from the truck gardens to the commission men, also from the standpoint of convenience. A considerable number of the ranchers say it is difficult for them to spend their daylight retailing their cabbages direct to the ultimate consumer, though they get higher prices by so doing.

As is to be expected, this condition has resulted in a few instances in exactly what the curb market is intended to obviate. Isolated cases appear where professional hucksters secure second-rate produce from the commission brokers at reduced prices, and, labeling themselves "producers," take

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their places with the legitimate retailers at the curb. A greater familiarity with the workings of the theoretical market is expected, however, to enable those in charge to separate the sheep and the goats with more precision.

As a general thing the jobbers are not fighting the curb market, although they are almost universally given credit for doing so. They believe, or profess to believe, that anything tending to bring consumer and producer in more direct touch will so far stimulate production as to increase rather than decrease their own trade. Mrs. Calvin Hartwell, who spent her "leisure" at the Fresno convention in visiting the phase of this in her address to the city markets there, explained another Pasadena Shakespeare club.

"The merchants told me that the market did not injure their trade," she said, "because, for one thing, they now get cash for goods where before the market's establishment they had to give credit or take supplies in trade.

"I visited many of the small places where market supplies are being raised. One woman with an invalid husband who has in former years been dependent in a measure upon charity, is now self-supporting and has money in the bank. She raises vegetables and fruits and in a few hours of the morning markets them and is at home with her family the rest of the day.

"One man is raising on a quarter-acre piece of land, tomato, cabbage and other plants with a succession of crops, and in six weeks has taken in \$800.

"School children are seen in the market and we asked about their being out of school. The answer coming from the school authorities was that children were allowed an hour each at the market as a part of the curriculum. One boy at his stand for the hour sold fifty-five cents worth of vegetables that he had raised himself. At the end of that time he was back in school again with his money in the bank and the feeling that he was taking his part in the city affairs. This, with the encouragement to work in the garden and the educational value of the business experience, is worth thinking about."

In Los Angeles, where the school gardens play a great part in the vacation period, an effort will be made to enlist the children who thus beautify the city's vacant spots and back yards in the curb market movement. In past years their produce has mostly gone to family consumption, but the annual increase in its quantity means that this outlet will shortly be inadequate. The municipal market, where any producer may take any quantity of produce to sell, appears to fill the need in ideal fashion. Educators in general endorse the plan as a desirable one.

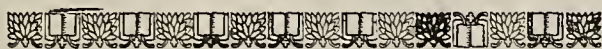
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The association has more than one hundred names on the membership roll, about twenty sustaining members and two life patrons. Forty of these members entered their names at year ago at the birth of the association and from those forty the association has grown to the present size and it is still growing and will continue to grow. Like a brave, determined little army in the midst of the fight it marches sturdily toward the goal of high ideals in the living of the every-day life, carrying as its standard our own "Red, White and Blue," its battle cry, "To Dignify the Common Things of Life for the Uplift of Humanity."

THE BUFFALO CONGRESS.

The public health department of the General Federation has been invited to participate in the fourth International Congress on School Hygiene, which meets in Buffalo August 25-30, 1913, and of which an extended description was printed in the May Clubwoman.

Delegates to this congress are asked to go from all of the states and if any California club woman or women can be in attendance the president of the California Federation will be glad to appoint her or them as delegates from this state.

OUTLOOK FOR PEACE*(Continued from Page 13)*

equipment of the United States. One such, in a letter to the Los Angeles Times, is filled with the gloomiest forebodings. It is, of course, the part of folly to play ostrich and hide our eyes to even remote possibilities, but it is little less than criminal to exhibit the incendiary doctrine of the jingo with the dark pessimism of the alarmist, who makes no effort to see both sides of the shield.

Before the present difficulty arose William Archer, an expert in his line, spent several months in Japan for no other purpose than to answer the question: "Will Japan ever fight the United States?" His answer, boiled down to the fewest possible words from a report numbering several thousand, was in the negative, barring a national affront to Japan which cannot be overlooked.

Still staggering under the load of taxation arising from her frightfully costly war with Russia, it is the verdict of close students of the situation that Japan deems herself financially unable to seek trouble or to accept it, except on the gravest provocation. Nippon is paying \$71,000,000 interest yearly upon her national debt—which means that every Japanese laborer must give one month of work out of twelve to pay the part of the obligation chargeable to him and to his family. The United States is paying an annual interest on her debt of \$23,000,000—half a day's work per year on the part of every American workingman.

Speaking not to Americans, but to their own countrymen, a party of distinguished Japanese, including two members of the Nipponese parliament, addressed an audience of one thousand at Sacramento on Memorial Day, asking them, in the name of the home government, to stir up no ill feeling with Americans, but to have entire faith in the ultimate fairness and justice of the United States at large.

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EDITORIAL

In accordance with the established custom, the close of the year for the State Federation brings a readjustment of many features of the work, important among them being the appointment of chairmen for the various departments. To the writer has fallen the task, and we doubt not it will prove a most pleasant one, of serving the organization as press chairman and Federation editor for the coming year, and with this issue of The Clubwoman we assume our duties. The editorial wheels are not yet in perfect motion, but in another month we hope to have the machinery so well adjusted that there will be never a hitch nor stop throughout the entire year.

The "official organ" of the California Federation of Women's Clubs has become a necessary adjunct to the organization, an integral part of it. Its name implies its service. It announces the official acts, publishes the official orders, represents the departments, is a medium of communication between the Executive Board and the members of the Federation; in fact, is the mouthpiece of the organization, and not the expression of the personal opinion of any one individual.

The policy of The Clubwoman as heretofore maintained will suffer no radical change. Each number will contain messages from the General and State Presidents, notes from the Executive Board and communications from the state chairmen. A series of articles on Parliamentary Practice will be a most helpful and instructive fea-

ture, and contributions from the best informed people on present day problems and subjects of particular interest to club women will appear from time to time.

It shall be our purpose to give each and every department of work its full measure of publicity sometime during the year, and in order to accomplish this systematically and impartially, we urge the full and prompt co-operation of each chairman when her opportunity shall have arrived.

The individual clubs must not forget nor shirk their responsibilities. From them must go to their respective district press chairman prompt and concise reports of everything of general interest connected with their club. The district chairman will condense and arrange all such reports and forward to the state chairman. If no one fails in her duty we shall soon have a complete cycle, and the work of editing The Clubwoman will be a mere pastime.

The Silver Lining

Governor Johnson has indicated that his reason for vetoing the health certificate for marriage bill, which, as applying to men, was passed by comfortable majorities by both houses at Sacramento, was his doubt as to the constitutionality of the measure in the light of the legal doctrine of personal liberty. There is no doubt but that the law would have seriously interfered with the "personal liberty," so-called, of men whose physical condition ren-

ders them a menace to their posterity. The same argument can be applied with equal force to nearly every law intended to safeguard the public by throwing obstacles in the way of the irresponsible. It is an interference with "personal liberty," in the same sense, to legislate against polygamy and free love; it is interference with "personal liberty" to prevent motorists from dashing madly through crowded streets; the legal provision for penal servitude for burglary undoubtedly acts as a most irksome hamper upon the "personal liberty" of a second-story man.

However, our representative women who worked so intelligently and untiringly at Sacramento for the passage of this bill are of the opinion that Governor Johnson acted conscientiously and probably wisely in using his right of veto. To be sure, the bill as finally passed by the Assembly and Senate was not as we had planned and hoped it would be, but it seemed at least an an entering wedge toward something better and the disappointment at having to begin the campaign all over again is keenly felt.

In spite of the fact that results were not exactly what we anticipated, it is a great satisfaction to know that no efforts were wasted, for the dignified, consistent, persistent campaign carried on by our women will never lose its effect in California, nor perhaps in the world, for the eyes of the world seem to be focused on California women at present.

Discouraged? No, indeed! Our noble, brave, earnest women know no such word. The next two years will see such progress in education along the lines of health and social and moral conditions that our next legislature will pass, without question, a far more drastic health certificate for marriage bill than the one just vetoed by our Governor, and it is just possible that

we shall have some of our intelligent, level-headed women on the floor of that legislature that we may be the better represented.

Constructive Iconoclasm

Like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky comes the unqualified declaration of Dr. Alfred Russell Wallace that "our present social environment, as a whole, in relation to our possibilities and our claims, is the worst that the world has ever seen." When one of the greatest scientific discoverers of our age, after observing the evolution of society for more than three generations, makes public such a conclusion, even the most resolute optimist must hesitate for a time to talk of modern day progress and take account of the facts as presented by Dr. Wallace in his latest book, "Social Environment and Moral Progress."

The material growth of the nineteenth century, our rapid increase of wealth and power over nature, Dr. Wallace maintains, has succeeded only in putting "too great a strain upon our crude civilization and our superficial Christianity, and it was accompanied by various forms of social immorality almost as amazing and unprecedented." He points to the widespread inhumanity, cruelty and immorality of child labor in our industrial system, and the incalculable loss of infant life through the overwork, poverty, and slow starvation of mothers. "Wealth," Dr. Wallace declares, "has been deliberately preferred to human life and happiness;" and one of the great defects of our system of law is that deaths due to preventable causes in any profit making business are not criminal offenses.

Our commercial system is scathingly arraigned as "a mass of dishonest practices and falsehood, by adulteration, bribery and stock gambling and

the possessors of wealth thus acquired hold honored places in our society." Increasing deaths from alcoholism and from suicide, degeneration through sexual immorality, all these deplorable facts of our civilization, the writer says, "force upon us the conviction that there is something radically wrong in a social system which brings about such terrible evils." And according to his theories, most modern methods of dealing with these evils are fundamentally wrong and doomed to failure.

Remedies he suggests are some of them radical and startling and at least give food for thought to the thinking person. For instance, he advances the original theory of moral progress through a new form of sexual selection made possible only by the economic and social freedom of women. Dr. Wallace fiercely repudiates any connection with eugenic theories and regards them as disastrous. Free selection in marriage made possible by the independence of women is a form far preferable to eugenics, in his opinion, and that it is worthy of consideration is the conclusion of the co-discoverer with Darwin of the law of natural selection.

Where Scare Heads Help

The Clubwoman holds no brief for yellow journalism nor is it in any sense in sympathy with the exploitation of crime, as such, for the edification of a morbid newspaper-reading public. The junior United States senator from California recently excited considerable comment throughout the country with an able attack upon this modern tendency of the great metropolitan dailies, which he decried as in toto baneful and destructive of the public morals.

There is much justice in the indictment but there is also another side to the question. It is a fact of which Mr. Works is perhaps unaware that the sensation-loving newspaper, if moderately accurate, is the greatest single ally of the vast, inter-dependent system

of criminal-catching machinery of our city, county, state and Federal police. Every law-abiding, intelligent citizen is a policeman. Made familiar by sheer force of insistent printer's ink with, let us say, the description of a badly-wanted criminal, it is a question of time only until one of the many millions of him will be brought in touch with the one sought through some one of the infinitely-numerous angles of our complex life. A word to the nearest officer and the man is in jail; a menace to society is removed where, but for the abominated, attention-arresting headlines and the shocking details thereunder, he would remain at large.

A collection of police statistics from many cities shows that about sixty-five per cent of all crimes are "solved"; i. e., by the arrest of their perpetrators. But in the class of crimes lending themselves to sensational treatment by the newspapers less than five per cent. of their authors escape. Approximately seventy per cent. of such arrests are made through information given the police by some one made familiar with the facts through the garish publicity given them in the press. The more dangerous the criminal the more certain is he of apprehension—as, for example, the terrible Marx gang of car-barn bandits who terrorized Chicago a few years ago. They were captured in a little town in Indiana through the agency of a country grocer whose newspaper reading was limited to spelling out the headlines and looking at the pictures.

Mrs. Joanna Smith, Please

Club women in general and Friday Morning club women of Los Angeles in particular, are more and more inclined to insist upon being known by their own Christian names rather than by those of their estimable husbands. The state chairman of Industrial and Social Conditions, for example, is no longer Mrs. Charles Farwell Edson

but Mrs. Katherine Phillips Edson, even though her premiere as such was greeted with a ripple that speedily expanded into a roar.

It is said of Russell Griswold Colt that he objects seriously to being referred to as Mister Ethel Barrymore, and it is well known that the creator of Alice-Sit-by-the-Fire declines to bury her own talented personality in that of the gay New Yorker. Though it be heresy, one is inclined to classify "Mrs. John Smith" as a relic of the unlamented generation when a woman had no individuality except as she reflected her husband's. What though we have difficulty at first in recognizing Mrs. Josepha H. Tolhurst as she won her spurs as Mrs. Shelley Tolhurst? The novelty is not a declaration of independence on the part of women as much as an italicization of themselves as individual and useful units in a social scheme and worthy of recognition as such. It is always a pity to spoil a pretty sentiment but it is a sober fact that the day of "twain in one" is passing.

Reno's Death and Birth

At twelve o'clock, midnight, of June 30th, the city of Reno, Nev., ceased to be the official center of a nation's social scandals, the butt of every cheap jokester and the eyesore of the west. The slow booming of the hour would have been a dirge for the six-months' residence clause in the state divorce law had it not been received with a joy on the part of Nevada's decent citizenry ill-befitting a dirge. There were those who did not rejoice, however—the divorce lawyers and the keepers of the sporty road-

houses, cafes and apartments that have played their part in maintaining Reno as a sort of cinder in the public eye.

Lashed to action by two years of unremitting protest by the women's clubs of the state, aided by the ministers, civic associations and that part of the bar which does not feed upon the offal of domestic dismemberment, the last legislature at Carson City passed a law requiring twelve months residence in the state for those seeking divorce—putting Nevada on the same footing with many other states in that regard. This law does not become actually effective until January 1, 1914, but no one will be able to take advantage of the old system after June 30.

A Word to the Wise

There was much more in the concluding address of Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, its president, to the great congress of the International Suffrage Alliance at Budapest than merely a merited compliment to the women of California and the manner in which they have used the suffrage. The dispatches do not say so but it is more than likely that the London delegates squirmed in their seats when the international president said: "If the European chancellors could be induced to hold a congress in Los Angeles or San Francisco they would see for themselves how woman's rule means the rule of peace and order. California exceeds all other states of the union in its growth and increasing prosperity. It is the brightest jewel in the crown of woman's cause, for there woman is in the highest sense the peer and helpmeet of man."

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

I must call the attention of the club women to the correct and complete list of department chairmen, as printed above. The chairman of "Literature" is Mrs. George F. Reinhardt, 2434 Durant avenue, Berkeley. In the June issue the name of Mrs. E. B. Stanwood was given.

Mrs. Reinhardt is fitted by temperament, education and experience to present in a logical, interesting way the department of literature to the C. F. W. C. The study clubs, the clubs with

literary sections, and the program builders, will find very material help in the articles by Mrs. Reinhardt, which will appear in The Clubwoman, giving first a general survey of the subject, to be followed by definite information, with syllabi and bibliography on such topics as comparative literature, the drama, poetry, history, or on any desired course of reading.

Mrs. A. H. Griswold, El Centro, P. O. Box 53, has kindly consented to take the subject of "Peace." Outlines

for study and investigation will be prepared. Peace, in all its aspects, industrial, international, so vitally concerns us all, is so personal in its final analysis, in that the ultimate cost of all warfare falls on the common man, that it behooves us to have an intelligent idea of the history and progress of the peace movement, a knowledge of the facts, of world conditions, and of international relations.

Another new department, that of "Country Life," has been added this year, and we have an able chairman in Miss Lillian D. Clark, 1534 Arch street, Berkeley. Miss Clark is connected with the extension work of the College of Agriculture of the University of California. This brings her in close and direct contact with the women of the country communities, the women who have as yet no club affiliations. It is to be noted with pleasure that Dean Hunt of the Agricultural College, is in sympathy with this effort to take the federation program to the country women.

Mrs. Pennybacker in a recent letter advises as follows: "Try to bring about closer relations between the rural and the urban women."

Miss Clark has the trained, observant mind, the sympathetic understanding, the technical knowledge of practical subjects and methods, and the fluent speech of a leader among women.

As the re-organization plan could not be put into effect this year, the executive board decided to try the limited experiment of adding political science to the civic department, as a subject of study. Civic problems are largely problems of state and municipal government. Clubs desiring to go exhaustively into the study of the functions of government, can write to the chairman, Mrs. Bradford Woodbridge, of Roseville, for detailed suggestions.

While the constitution of the C. F. W. C. still says that clubs are in no way committed to the policy of the federation, yet we have faith to believe

that the program of the state organization and the policy of the clubs themselves are inseparable. The very inclusiveness of the subjects, covering as they do a wide range of activity, represent only the totality of club work.

A recent visit to Modesto, as the guest of the president of the San Joaquin Valley District, Mrs. H. A. Bates, brought me in personal relations with the new officers who are diligently striving to keep up the standard in their district. As my visit coincided with the closing meeting of the Modesto Woman's Improvement club, I had the added pleasure of hearing their final reports. The success of their labors, in the improvement of their city, is fully appreciated by all of the residents; and one does not wonder that Modesto's motto is "Water, Health, Contentment, Wealth." The city streets and the city parks are the result of the work of the Modesto women.

A meeting of the presidents of women's organizations was recently called in San Francisco to consider how we should meet the referendum against the red light abatement and injunction act. The discussion was on the best methods of continued and continuous publicity on the fact that the act is in jeopardy.

There is apparently no probability of a special election being called by Gov. Johnson, hence the referendum prevents the enforcement of the provisions of the law until after the general election in November, 1914. Another meeting is called for July; definite plans will probably be submitted to all organizations of women, and their co-operation urged.

There is also a state-wide movement on foot to use the initiative to present to the electorate an amendment to the constitution to abolish capital punishment.

This question has never been considered by the California Federation as an organization. It will be, however, a measure in which women will

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MAKING OVER THE STATE FEDERATION

By Mrs. Olive E. Borrette

Member of the Re-Districting Committee

I crave space in our official organ to give to the club women a view they have hitherto not taken in the subject of re-districting. It appears to me to have been the least understood of any subject brought up for consideration at Fresno.

It was at Long Beach in 1911 that re-districting was first asked for. At Paso Robles in 1912 the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, That the C. F. W. C. in convention assembled empower its president to appoint a committee to formulate a plan for re-districting to be presented at the next state convention as an amendment to the constitution."

Not one word in that about voting on the plan in 1913. We were to present a plan and we, who accepted the appointment on that committee and were faithful to our charge, knew that we could not hold any real conferences until we met in Fresno, and that it would be impossible for us to make a final report until we had held several conferences. We labored diligently each forenoon of the four days until the plan we offered on the last day was subscribed to by every member present. The earlier plan was only a suggestion, or framework, to build upon, and the hysteria it brought out was quite uncalled for.

We were asked "to serve on a committee for re-districting the state of California for the greater efficiency of the federation." No time limit was given to us. No date was fixed for effecting such a change. We who studied the conditions thoroughly understood that changes cannot be suddenly brought about. We considered the future, and always with the belief that club membership will increase, and that several of the present districts will soon become unwieldy. Difficulty

in securing an invitation for the next meeting place for the district convention has been several times experienced in the large districts.

The district convention should be within easy access of the club members if their club interest and enthusiasm are to be preserved. If only the women of leisure and means can attend the district convention, and the busy housekeepers and her daughters are barred by expense of time and journey, so they cannot have even one day for renewing their club energy, then our federation principles are being smothered and the mothers and homekeepers who are longing for uplift and encouragement are being denied the help we are supposed to extend to them. If the district conventions are to be maintained just for those who are experienced and have already reached the highest rounds of efficiency in club work, then there should be county federation where the timid and inexperienced may have opportunity to expand. If we foster the small clubs and interest the new members we need have no fear for the efficiency of the federation. We might as well omit the primary grades in school and think only of the high school and universities.

If we pattern our state convention after the biennial and the district convention after the former state convention, there are few opportunities left for beginners, and our federation will soon be exhausted from lack of nourishment.

The "efficiency of the federation" will soon loudly call for smaller districts, or for county federations. Which shall it be?

I feel very certain that the present committee will not offer any change in the groups, or districts, as presented in their report the last day of the state

convention at Fresno. There may be some changes in the names of some of the southern groups.

Though few concur with me I still maintain that re-districting cannot be officially effected before the state convention in 1915.

The various clubs and districts will, or at least should, study the plan and subject closely before the next state convention meets in Riverside in 1914 so they can vote intelligently on the question.

If the plan to re-district carries, I maintain that it cannot go into effect until the following year, May, 1915, for these reasons: The present districts will elect their officers at their coming conventions and those officers will enter upon their duties at the time of the state convention in 1914 and serve until the next state convention in 1915. Those officers will belong to the districts with the boundaries that existed at the time of their election and they will serve their constituents for one year. In the meantime officers may be elected from the new groups of counties, or new districts, and will take

their seats at the time of the state convention in 1915.

Take San Francisco district, for example, which the plan proposes to divide into three districts. The officers elected at Santa Rosa next November will take their seats the following May and serve one year. But at the district convention in 1914 the three groups could each choose their officers for their respective districts and begin their official existence the following May.

In the case of a district being formed from two or more other districts, a convention will have to be called for the purpose of electing officers for that district, said officers to take their seats the following May. In the present Alameda district and San Joaquin district no change is proposed.

I do not believe a quicker plan can be consummated and I do not believe a more sudden change is wanted. But I do believe the proposed subdivision, to take effect two years from now, will be necessary to strengthen the "efficiency of the federation."

FOR MORE EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT

By Mrs. George E. Swan

All the women who were at Sacramento during the recent legislature are full of wonder at the unbusinesslike methods used in legislating. Cumber-some, mediaeval, inefficient, are some of the adjectives we use in thinking and speaking of that great lawmaking body. Individual members there are of ability and force, but they can not overcome the inertia of numbers of inefficient and unfit men. Besides, they all work at a disadvantage in having to run an antiquated machine by hand power, so to speak, in this age of electricity. The greatest inefficiency in public work is due to the fact that the public does not demand business-like

methods in the administration of its business, but is content to stupidly elect party men, with only secondary regard as to their ability and fitness. Let no one think that this was true in years past, but not in these days of awakened civic conscience. We women who were at Sacramento sadly affirm our disappointment to find that the awakened civic conscience has not changed things yet as much as we had believed. It needs to get its eyes wider open, and the body politic needs to get into more sincere and earnest action.

Running a state is a big business proposition, from which all politics

should be as thoroughly eliminated as they are from any big business firm, so that the shareholders may get the best service from the officials employed, and resultant big dividends.

Someone has said that the loss to cities, states and nation from graft is as a flyspeck as compared with the losses from inefficiency. It is the public which pays, and pays ruinously, for inefficiency. We were surprised and appalled at the waste of money, time and strength which we saw. No individual was to blame, all handicapped by an outgrown system. We shall not be content to have this waste of the state's most valuable assets continue. A way must be found to stop it, and at the same time improve the service.

One thing we learned thoroughly, that to obtain the best results, every official and employe of our state should be both efficient and trained. Many states are realizing that their forms of government are relics of a century past, fashioned on the model of the English Parliament, with two separate houses, based upon a distinction between the upper and the lower classes, each house representing their respective interests. In America we have no need for such a division, and many thinkers believe a single house, carefully chosen, could be made more readily responsive to the will of the people, and to the demands of our social and economic conditions. Something like a commission form of government such as is used in some of our cities must sooner or later be worked out for the state. Under this suggested form of government the most thoughtful students of this question believe that the number of legislators should not exceed twenty in any state.

The women believe that some such up-to-date innovation must replace the present archaic system, and that soon. In Kansas petitions have already been

circulated looking to this change.

Governor Hodges said in a recent address to the legislature on this subject: "My judgment is that the governor should be ex-officio a member and presiding officer of this assembly and that it should be allowed to meet in such frequent or adjourned sessions as the exigencies of public business may demand; that their term of office (the twenty legislators) be for four or six years, and that they be paid salaries sufficient to justify them in devoting their entire time to the public business. Such a legislative assembly would not, I believe, be more expensive than our present system. It would centralize responsibility and accountability, and under the check of the recall would be quickly responsive to the wishes of the people." The signs of the times as read in such contemporary history as the above from Kansas is heartening. We women believe that California statesmen should submit some such plan to our voters as soon as possible. There is evident a widespread discontent with the present inefficiency of state legislatures, and an intention to bring up the methods of state government to the ordinary business requirements of this epoch. We may not change the method by the next legislature, but California citizens can, during the next two years, make it their chief business to search this state over and find the trained and efficient persons fit for the office of legislator and then nominate and elect them. That will be a great advance and help to bring about the complete reorganization of the government of the state. Hasten the day when we can point to it with satisfaction and pride as the best to be found anywhere!

A full and final report upon the Federation bills will be published soon in pamphlet form and will be sent out to all clubs before September.



MISS JESSICA LEE BRIGGS
Corresponding Secretary. C.F.W.C.

PROTECTING OUR FORESTS

All the way from Washington, D. C., comes the following message in the interest of conservation, from our most efficient and energetic state chairman of forestry, Mrs. Foster Elliott. Mrs. Elliott has been spending the summer in Washington, and was in attendance at the General Federation Conference held in that city in May. She writes:

In planning the work for next year we want to say that much valuable assistance has been received from the forest service and we hope to show our appreciation of their courtesy by our zeal in carrying out their splendid suggestions.

In the recommendations for this department, at this time, we may say that the most important work before us is to stand in readiness to defeat any attack which threatens our national forests. A strong movement is on foot to break them up and parcel them out to the various states. This great disaster was averted, for the time being at least, but we have every reason to fear that a more determined attack will be made next winter, and we must do all in our power to avert this great calamity. Please study this subject carefully so that when the time comes we can go about intelligently and forcefully.

We recommend that the committee undertake an active campaign against the practice of "light burning" in the forest, which is so strongly advocated by some lumbermen. There are many reasons against this custom—the great expense, the injury to the mature trees, also to the young growth, the harm to the forest floor, and most harmful as it leads to incendiarism. Literature on this subject will be sent to members of the committee and they are urged to make a strong effort to create public sentiment against this method of clearing up the forest.

A little later in the year we are anxious to try, with the help of our

clubwomen, to find out what they, as users of the forest, think of "conservation"—how it works, its advantages, its practicability and so forth. If reports can be obtained they will be most interesting and instructive.

We recommend a continuance of our educational work in clubs and schools. We urge the necessity for "Forestry" in the public schools—it should be taught in connection with agriculture, nature study, and geography. To do this we must try to influence the teachers and get at them by way of the normal schools, so that trained men and women shall present the subject. We feel that this is a very important part of our work.

We may have the slides again next year, if deemed wise by the committee. We are most anxious that the "photo exhibit" should make a tour through the state. It will be sent to California by October and we wish the trip to begin with the Southern district, thence in order through all the districts. Please arrange for this tour among the schools and communicate with your chairman as soon as possible.

The forestry committee asks all women to remember our feathered friends, the birds. We must help to pass laws for their protection and when we buy our hats, let us leave off feathers, except ostrich plumes, and so save the lives of thousands of birds.

The forestry committee encourages the establishment of state parks and forests—the preservation of our native wild flowers—the observance of Arbor day, when conservation should be made the vital topic of the day. We must also urge the pressing need for better fire protection in our forests—one of the greatest obstacles in the way of forestry today is the want of proper fire protection in our forests. Can we not do something to help this great need?

THE HIGH COST OF DRESSING

In half a dozen states where minimum wage laws have been passed or made the subject of discussion within recent months the question of the rock-bottom price at which a woman can keep soul and body together has been more or less accurately determined by legislative commissions appointed to take her own testimony and that of her employer on the subject. The results have thrown an interesting light, among other things, upon the variation in this matter in different parts of the country. At St. Louis, for example, the official figure is placed at \$8.75 a week. In some of the densely populated centers of the east girls manage to scramble along on \$5 a week and sometimes less—though a beneficent Providence alone knows how they do it. On the Pacific Coast experts on social conditions have set the minimum at \$9 a week, though one hard-fisted employer sat up nights personally making out a schedule whereby he justified to his own satisfaction a weekly wage of \$6 paid to his women employees.

One of the pathetic bits of testimony given before the Illinois commission endeavoring to determine the relation of cause and effect between low wages and prostitution was that of a department store girl who declared flatly that she would rather not live at all than to live on the minimum—one which would require of her that she dress shabbily and go without the little luxuries that are not so much luxuries as necessities to the young of her kind. Though tinged with hysteria, her words carried with them more than a tithe of truth—one that that commission intimated should be taken into account in fixing a minimum wage.

What it costs a woman to be dressed at her own most economical definition of how she would be dressed—not luxuriously but well—was the subject of a serious inquiry on the part of three well-informed women of the middle

class in Philadelphia. While the results are in no sense to be taken as a criterion of the minimum for all women they present an average of remarkable interest to the average woman, whom each of the trio represented. These are the figures given, covering one year:

Spring tailor-made suit.....	\$25
Winter tailor-made suit.....	25
Fur coat or fur set.....	50
Summer afternoon or evening coat	20
Top coat	10
Evening gown	35
Afternoon dress	32
Two one-piece dresses.....	40
Linen tailored suit	15
Summer afternoon gown.....	20
Summer evening gown.....	20
Lingerie frock	15
Bathing suit	5
Negligees	15
Waists and blouses	25
Combination suits	6
Lingerie	10
Nightgowns	10
Petticoats	10
Gloves	14
Shoes	25
Corsets	10
Hats	40
Stockings	10
Bags	10
Neckwear	8
Total	\$507

The prices given are in no way fictitious or estimated, as each represented exactly what one of the three women had spent for each article during the current year and was accepted by the other two as a fair average.

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HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR MARRIAGE

By Mrs. Charles F. Edson

It is difficult to record the defeat of our greatest measure. It seems to be one of those conditions where no one is to blame. Our bill was drawn and submitted to medical and legal experts. We found during the session of the legislature that it seemed obscure and difficult for the legislature to understand, but upon careful study and explanation we were convinced that the bill was safe and carefully drawn. However, our enemies and our friends refused to consider the bill unless it was amended to exclude women. All kinds of arguments, some reasonable but generally false and sentimental were used. At that we found that the Public Health committee of the Senate would not report the bill out unless we agreed to the amendment. We did so and had a most difficult time in getting the bill through the assembly. The first time it was defeated, the vote standing 36 to 32. Mr. Bohnett moved for reconsideration and in two days we carried the bill by a vote of 51 to 23.

The vote on the bill in the Senate was May 12. The measure was bit-

terly fought by Senators Boynton of Oroville and Cartwright of Fresno. Not on the technicalities of the bill, but on the basic idea. The bill reached the governor and although he was heartily in accord with the principle he believed that the amendments made by the Public Health committee made the bill ambiguous and unenforceable. When I called upon him the 10th of June I found him in consultation with the members of the attorney general's office, and it was the consensus of opinion that the bill as amended would not be upheld by the courts. Therefore the governor did not sign it. However, the time and effort spent upon it have not been wasted, as the people of the state are much better informed now in regard to this basic race conservation measure than they were before. In any case it is only temporary defeat—and this is one of the few measures of the club women's program that did not receive the governor's signature. Let us be grateful for our success and may our regrets only spur us on to future victories.

THE PASSING OF THE UNTRAINED

Very fitting and most opportune it seems that the California Federation should decide to make prominent this year the work of the departments of Education and Civics, not, of course, to the exclusion of other departments, but rather to feature these two in a manner similar to that which gave precedence to the department of legislation last year.

Undoubtedly one of the subdivisions which will be considered under the department of Education will be that of vocational training, and the thousands of club women in this state could do no better than to bend their

united efforts toward accomplishing something definite in this direction.

One of the biggest problems confronting our nation today is how, when and where to properly and systematically train our boys and girls for future skilled and self-supporting citizenship. We naturally are a boastful nation, and generally, it may be said, with good reason, but it must be admitted that in this one particular we are falling short of our opportunities and finding rank low in the scale of educational democracy.

Germany, England, France, even "little" Japan, all have inaugurated

elaborate systems of practical education. Germany boasts that within ten years there will be no such thing as an untrained man within the confines of the empire. Compare that condition with the situation in this country, where barely twenty-five thousand of our twenty million have been given any special preparation for their life's work. Considering the inefficiency of the average day laborer, is it much wonder that the country is so overrun with strikebreakers, loafers, tramps and criminals? It is not so much the lack of work which causes so much poverty and distress in this world as it is the lack of trained, skilled workmen who are capable of performing the labor.

That America is awakened to the situation is apparent through the prominence which is given this subject at all important gatherings of an educational nature. In an address on vocational training in institutions delivered before the National Conference of Charities and Corrections recently held in Seattle, F. J. Sessions of Davenport, Iowa, took occasion to contrast the results of the American school system with those of Germany, somewhat to the disparagement of the latter:

"The training of American youth for vocational independence," said Mr. Sessions, "has been of so little concern to lawmaking bodies, with a few notable exceptions, that the subject has had only superficial consideration, but strong demands are now being made for remodeling the school systems and the substitution of art for science in teaching. Revision and readjustment are going on, but not as rapidly as the public demands. The whole industrial world is urging haste to excel Germany vocationally. The public has forgotten that when American schoolmasters began advocating industrial drawing, domestic science, manual training, sloyd, and other handicraft features as elements of vocational training in

American schools, they were assailed with sneering cries of 'bread and butter courses,' 'fads' and 'commercialism.' Then, people had not looked over the shoulder of the German schoolmaster to see him fitting eager youngsters to gain and hold the world's markets against inefficient competitors. Now, while many have not seen him at work, all have seen the great industrial and commercial revolution he has wrought in his beloved 'Fatherland,' all recognize that to compete with his boys and girls, others must go through laborious courses of training. While there is not full agreement as to just how near the American cradle vocational training shall begin, there is mutual assent that it should be provided for in all educational programmes."

How much can we California club women assist in revolutionizing our present inadequate system? May we be permitted to quote the closing paragraph of the address delivered by Charles A. Prosser, of New York, before the biennial at San Francisco?

"Vocational education can not help appealing to the members of this Federation. If you believe in the conservation of natural resources, you must believe in the conservation of human resources. If you are opposed to child labor, you must force vocational education, which means rescuing children from the deadening effects of that labor and enabling them to climb up. If you favor compulsory education, you will be in favor of compulsory education if it is extended beyond fourteen, that insists that the period above fourteen, for all those who want it, should be devoted to direct preparation for the work upon which children are dependent.

"If you believe in democracy, write high up on your program the movement for vocational education, since it means to educate the children of all the people in all kinds of ways for all kinds of needs."

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RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The following letter may interest some of our club presidents. If it does I would be glad to have them answer it. It would be invidious for me to make comparisons:

Denver, Colo., June 23, 1913.

To State President, Mrs. J. W. Orr,

Dear Madam: The Art and Literature department of the Denver Woman's Club has this year formed a new committee, known as the "Research Committee." One of the purposes of this committee is to write all the large clubs in the country and learn what they are doing in all their departments of work. Will you give me the names of the large clubs in your state and will you ask them to write to me? We hope to make this department more effective and a greater factor in the Denver Woman's Club.

Please give me any information you

may have along any lines whatsoever. We would like new ideas for making money, to establish new committees, for the development of Art and Literature. Last year we added materially to a fund with which we will equip a gymnasium for working girls. We did this by selling old magazines to the paper mills. We are establishing this year a class for short-story writing, which is proving very attractive to our members.

That we may increase our usefulness we write you for suggestions and will appreciate a reply. Tell us of the greatest thing the clubs of your state are accomplishing.

Thanking you in advance,

Fraternally,

Mrs. J. H. Hegarty,

Chairman of "Research Committee."
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BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

By Mrs. Calvin Hartwell,

Vice President-at-large

In looking over the present field of activities, noting the general trend of public affairs, it seems to me that the most serious question confronting us today is the laying of a better foundation for honest, loyal and patriotic citizenship.

The more we tend to paternalism just to that degree do we make the citizen less self-reliant, and more and more do we shift personal responsibility to the taxpayers instead of making the home the beginning and center of character-building.

Much of the juvenile delinquency, crime and immoral tendency is the direct result of drifting away from home influence into anything and everything which leads from rather than turning towards the possibilities within our own doors, with the inevitable result that the taxpayers are forced to provide a way by which the leisure time of the youth of America may be safely utilized.

The municipal playgrounds in congested districts have been a strong factor in arresting criminality, but is there not danger of the pendulum swinging too far in that direction until we may begin to look upon it as the line of least resistance and expect all

school children to be municipally entertained?

Should we not work toward habits of industry, thrift and business acumen?

When children can know that the results of industry will bring financial returns it will be easy to create an interest in the possibilities of the soil, the study of horticulture and agriculture, and well cultivated back yards will result in a more healthful attitude toward life; improved moral conditions and the problem of the high cost of living will be solved to a great extent.

If the Civics committees throughout the state will turn their efforts towards the establishment of municipal markets where children may find a sale for produce, a few years will revolutionize society by raising the moral tone through the acquirement of the fundamental principles of good citizenship, industry, morality and self-reliance.

There can be no stable government founded on individual instability. No loyalty which is devoid of that quality of coherence which cements home influences is worthy of the name, and cannot be a propelling force in the administration of public affairs.

A NATIONAL CONSERVATION CONGRESS

Club women will find much to interest them in the Fifth National Conservation Congress to be held in Washington November 18, 19 and 20. Perhaps no city in the country affords the possibilities for social features that are to be found in the national capital. The influence of many of the leaders in Washington official life will be exerted to give the congress the social prestige to which it is entitled, and this will give the gathering special interest.

It is expected that a reception at the White House will be one of the important incidents of the congress. If such a reception is held it will be only one of many social features that would not be possible elsewhere than at the seat of government.

Especial significance attaches to the return of the congress to Washington. This year's session will be the first to be held in that city since the historical conference of governors was held at



MRS. MORRIS ALBEE

A prominent Los Angeles club woman

the White House in 1903. It was from the conference of governors that the formation of the National Conservation Congress arose, and the coming session will therefore mark a return to the birthplace of the movement. The chief questions to be discussed at the congress will be Forestry and Water Power, as befits a gathering to be held in the national capital, especially in view of the fact that these are the subjects with which the conservation movement was inaugurated.

Several women of national prominence are deeply interested in the plans for the coming congress. At the White House conference of governors the only woman present was Mrs. Sarah S. Platt-Decker, of Denver. Mrs. Decker, now dead, was the representative of the General Federation of Women's Clubs at the conference of governors. Woman's interest in conservation has shown rapid growth

since 1903. Mrs. Philip N. Moore, of St. Louis, is vice-president of this year's congress, and Mrs. Emmons Crocker, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, is a member of the executive committee. Mrs. Crocker is also chairman of the Conservation Department of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. The participation of Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Crocker in the leadership of the Conservation Congress gives assurance that women will find the congress interesting in its deliberations as well as in its social features.

Invitations have been extended to the state presidents of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs to appoint delegates to the congress.

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—Read at the Oroville convention by
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DISTRICT NEWS

NORTHERN

The new manager of the Bureau of Information and Reciprocity is Mrs. Cora E. Jones, appointed to succeed Mrs. B. F. Walton, the former manager, who was relieved from official position at her own request. She is now district press chairman.

Mrs. Jones has had much experience in club work, having held many important official positions, and club women may well feel gratified that she has accepted this responsible post. It goes without saying that in her hands the affairs of the department will be administered in a way to give complete satisfaction to all in need of assistance. Her address is 826 Fifty-second street, Oakland.

The new club in Marysville comes to its summer vacation period with a record of which it may well be proud. Beginning its active work in February it has a strong art section, two French sections, two in German, two music, vocal and instrumental, and a Bible section to commence work in the fall. Several other departments are under consideration.

The Bogue Wednesday Club of Sutter County has closed its work for the year. On May 28th a tea was held at

the home of one of its members, and Mrs. A. A. Goddard gave her very interesting talk on the "Missions," which was all the more enjoyed as the club has studied California history for two years. Mrs. Walter Longbotham sang several Indian songs in her usual fine voice, and a guessing contest closed the program. The proceeds were used for the club's contribution to the Sarah Platt Decker Endowment Fund.

The following is the complete roster of officials for the Northern District:

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LOS ANGELES.

Despite the warm weather and the exodus from town of many prominent club women to the beaches or on longer journeys clubdom is by no means suffering with suspended animation. Year books are being made up, committees named and their work mapped out for the coming year, and in several clubs new sections are being added.

Notable among these is the recently formed Peace Committee of the Friday Morning Club, the outcome of a suggestion by Mrs. Eastman, which was enthusiastically accepted by the club members. Mrs. Eastman was unable to accept the chairmanship of the committee and Miss Ella True was appointed in her stead.

Plans are under consideration for a big mass meeting to be held sometime during the summer to be addressed by some distinguished peace advocate—possibly William J. Bryan.

The Bird and Forestry section of the Ebell Club under the direction of Mrs. W. N. Farver is proving a great success. The subject of Forest Conservation is to be taken up the coming year and it is hoped to accomplish much, for it is a subject of vast interest and importance.

The Social Science work carried on under the direction of Mrs. Sumner P. Hunt and Mrs. Charles M. Flint, which includes the delving into matters of

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civic interest, a study of citizenship and kindred subjects has also proved a great success.

The Highland Park Ebell has planned to meet for an informal social time once a month during the summer, and the Wednesday Morning Club has also planned for several social affairs for the benefit of the "Stay at Homes."

The women of the South Pasadena Woman's Improvement Association

who voted to forego their spring bonnets and devote the money to the club house fund are making further sacrifices in the way of vacation trips in order to devote the time to furnishing the new club house, which is fast nearing completion. Thimble parties are being held and deft fingers are rapidly fashioning the draperies, cushions and other needed articles for the new home, and also for a large bazaar, which the association is now planning.

WORTHY OF EMULATION

The following is a summary of the report of the Out Door Art League of San Jose, sent to the chairman of forestry, and it shows such diligent attention to opportunities for service that it is well worth space in The Clubwoman:

"The Out Door Art League is constantly working for the preservation and the planting of our natural trees wherever possible, in the cities, the parks, and on the public highways.

"We are urging a city ordinance which will create a City Board of Forestry, without salary, and provides for a trained City Forester with salary. We are also working for an amendment to the County Forestry Bill, which will give jurisdiction over all highway trees to the County Board.

"The league worked unceasingly for Mr. Homan's forestry measure, which was not signed by the governor. Much work has been done toward the pre-

vention of forest fires, copies of articles on this subject given wide distribution. Articles on "Forest Protection" and "Native Growth for Planting in California" were published in the State Forester's "Fourth Biennial Report" of 1912, and five hundred reprints were circulated.

"The league protested to the supervisors against the destruction of a double row of trees on the county road, and succeeded in saving them. Appeals are constantly received for our help in saving trees on the highways.

"One hundred sycamores were bought and distributed by the league, and two hundred native trees planted along the banks of our waterways. It is needless to say that our principal work is for the beautification of our city and county, and we have other committees on vacant lots, waterways, parks, streets and sidewalks."

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A magazine writer from New York has been on the coast for two weeks investigating the results of California women's power to vote, what worthwhile work they have done, are doing, or are planning to do. Hearing of the formation of the Women's Legislative Council of California she came to me one morning (two hours by trolley from Los Angeles) and said she wanted to know all about it. Full of interest and enthusiasm I answered questions and told her tales of the legislature, of our own Federation and other bills, of legislative conferences, of the Council, the outcome of the Federation efforts to co-operate with all other earnest minded women citizens, of our success in the majority of our social bills and our bitter disappointment over the defeat of our marriage certificate bill.

Lunch time passed by swiftly as we talked and talked, not only of state measures, but of the evidences of fine citizenship being given everywhere by the women in towns, cities and countries. My spirit of pride was somewhat chastened by several recent events, where women have not been successful in their efforts to do certain things. It is a great reflection upon

woman's support of woman to remember that in Sacramento our own club woman, Mrs. Luella B. Johnson, the only city commissioner in the United States, doing excellent work as commissioner of education, was defeated at the polls for re-election — because though the interested ones worked hard, the indifferent ones by staying at home played into the hands of the politicians and she was lost to the city. The pity of it! And recently in Los Angeles the new charter was defeated and other efforts by women have not been altogether successful, but I did not say much about these things, rather dwelling upon Judge Weller's recall and the splendid spirit of women everywhere to show sisterly care for the women who might be inconvenienced by the passage of the Red-light Injunction and Abatement Act and other matters of satisfaction to civic workers. Presently this eastern woman surprised me by what she said from the standpoint of an outsider, a progressive intelligent woman with vision, and it is her words which seem to me interesting enough to preserve. They were not the phrases of a public speaker trying to put her audience into proper humor, but regretful declarations, wrung from an impatient soul

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who sees in the West that freedom for women, which has been the inalienable right of men alone for ages, and which some Eastern women are realizing as their ideal, and working towards. She said: "I can not understand how in the East they sit down in solemn council and discuss with all gravity and deliberateness whether certain things can be done, when right out here they are being done, and yet they will not believe it or allow it to influence their conclusions.

"Oh, you are twenty-five years ahead of us on the Atlantic coast. It is good to see women living fully and freely as you do out here, animated by a spirit of conscious power to do and to be all you will to do or be. We are so hampered by the traditions of centuries dead and gone, and it is so much more difficult to adopt new thoughts and ways. In the West the fact that anything is new and original is a recommendation; in the East it is an objection. People are afraid of newness. Suffrage will come, but first it must overcome great mountains of prejudice. I believe that for some states it will never arrive except through Federal legislation. That is what we must look forward to. But

you here in California are most blessed of all. You occupy the top of the pinnacle of woman's progress. Do you know that this is the position you have in the eyes of the world? California is now the last expression of the deliverance of women from the traditional inactivity and restraint."

It seems to me that these words bear a message from the East to the West, so I have written them down that many women may read them, each taking her due meed of praise and her own share of their inspiration.

Do not they read well? Is it not recompense for the tired spirits who have been doing their individual, unrecognized parts to create this our composite California woman to know that their ideal has flashed as a reality upon the sight of the outside world? The world sees her, a bond-woman no longer, but a free woman walking steadily beside the free man of the ages; both with forward faces, alight with the splendid spirit of the joyous West. Or, again, they see her as the woman at the forefront, leading the way, unconscious that she leads but only that she has a destiny that calls her forward, ministering as she goes.

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COST OF DRESSING*(Continued from Page 18)*

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Commenting on the list one of the Philadelphia papers pointed out that the total is too high because the list took no account of clothes left over from last year. Nor is there any saving provided for through the employment of an inexpensive dressmaker or seamstress. The woman who understands dressmaking could doubtless cut the total considerably. The "inexpensive" cloth-butcher is frequently a costly investment where the patron is not qualified to personally direct the cutting and fitting. The woman she employs has seldom had the advantage

of studying the new dressmaking lines from the original models. The higher-class dressmaker is obliged to demand high prices because imported models must form a part of her equipment.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER*(Continued from Page 12)*

be naturally interested. We shall doubtless be drawn into the discussion, so we must make ourselves intelligent on the subject. Resolutions at district conventions and at the closing state convention will probably be introduced, action on which will define our public attitude.

The responsibility of being a vital part of the electorate of our state requires an alert attention to all public measures wherein the humanities are involved.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. James W. Orr.

WORK

Let me but do my work from day to day,
In field or forest, at the desk or loom,
In roaring market-place, or tranquil room;
Let me but find it in my heart to say,
When vagrant wishes beckon me astray:
"This is my work; my blessing, not my doom;
Of all who live, I am the one by whom
This work can best be done in the right way."

Then shall I see it not too great, nor small,
To suit my spirit and to prove my powers;
Then shall I cheerful greet the laboring hours,
And cheerful turn, when the long shadows fall
At eventide, to play, and love; and rest,
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EDITORIAL

The educational world of America, fondly believed by those who have made its upbuilding their life-work to be the one sphere yet uncontaminated to any great extent by the insidious touch of self-seeking politics, is stirred to indignation by the spectacle of a combination in Chicago of men and circumstances sufficiently inimical to her splendid school system to force the resignation of so potent a figure as that of its superintendent, Mrs. Ella Flagg Young. Nor is it an encouraging symptom to note that it apparently required the united and indignant protest of nearly every right-thinking educational journal and newspaper in the country to bring the school board of the Windy City to the perspective point where its members refused to accept the resignation with enough unanimity to even temporarily dispose of the danger.

Coming, as her resignation did, hard upon the heels of one of the boldest strokes in school history for the emancipation of education from the hide-bound shell of centuries of prudish precedent—the inauguration of sex hygiene as part of the public school curriculum—it is not unnatural that carping reactionaries should have seized upon the two and twisted them into the relation of cause and effect. As a matter of fact, and as the famous educator and former president of the National Education Association herself sorrowfully pointed out, Mrs. Young's resignation was the outcome of a conviction that she could not hope to carry out her sturdy principles in the face of a cankerous growth of per-

sonal enmity which for two years had been gathering the forces of underground politics to its back. So far from fleeing the field in defeat, Mrs. Young supplied the regrettably unique spectacle of a leader willing to sacrifice herself that her personal presence might not jeopardize those principles, made a target for savage missiles because she stood behind them.

The situation has at least served to direct renewed attention to conditions which obtain, to a greater or less extent, in all large cities of greatly mixed population. Mrs. Young has long stood as a bulwark between the schools and the grafters, the discordant elements that feed upon disruption, the slimy tentacles of the ward octopus, eager to destroy those whose blood it cannot suck and in their place to set up complacent puppets to jump as they jerk. To that extent the fight of Mrs. Young will be the fight of every citizen who has the good of the public schools at heart.

It is not to be forgotten that, almost as one, the women of Chicago are back of the great educator and that, newly-armed with the ballot, they are distinctly to be reckoned with in the impending struggle. If the Chicago municipal elections in December do not decide the issue definitely they will at least point the way whereby victory is to be ultimately attained.

Mutton and Millinery.

It may seem a far cry to assert that the quarter-yearly edict of a handful of fashionable hat-makers in Paris de-

termines the price which we shall pay for our daily bread and cheese, but to the experts of the United States Department of Agriculture the connection is direct and menacing. Its concrete expression is to read in the figures just issued to show the appalling increase in our annual loss of food-stuffs through the ravages of harmful insects, in turn made possible by the wholesale destruction of birds which are unfortunately decorative enough to lend themselves to the purposes of the milliner. According to the official table the total loss of crops by insect pests for the fiscal year just concluded is \$420,100,000—nearly twenty times the annual interest upon our national debt.

Discarding for the moment the purely humanitarian viewpoint for the hard and practical one of dollars and cents, it becomes immediately obvious that herein is one of the big reasons for the soaring cost of our necessities of life. One-tenth of the entire gross cereal crop of the United States—\$200,000,000 worth of bread, flour, oatmeal, etc.—is annually fed gratis to noxious insects—the same insects whose yearly toll ten or even five years ago was comparatively small. One-fifth of all our fruits, to a value of \$27,000,000, go the same way. The truck gardens of America pay an annual tax to the makers of bird-shot of \$43,000,000. Nor is it only foodstuffs which suffer. One of the big reasons why cotton dress goods are so much higher now than they were a decade ago is that ten per cent of our cotton—\$60,000,000 worth—is now eaten by the insects which once upon a time were the principal items on the bill of fare of a rapidly-vanishing race of feathered creatures.

The worm has indeed turned—and if we are not careful he will turn into an omnivorous serpent down whose maw we will pass piecemeal. The wanton slaughter of insectivorous birds has proceeded to the point where, according to Dr. William T. Hornaday, director of the New York Zoological Park and chairman of the National Committee on Wild Life Protection,

we are actually facing the probability of shortly living in a birdless country.

The Psychology of Panics.

A score of years from now, when the host of fussy little details of our national life have ceased to obscure its significance, one of the things for which history will remember the year 1913 will be the Wilson-McAdoo way of dealing with incipient hard times. It is more than likely that this way will presently be incorporated in the new currency act, but at the present writing it looms high above every other consideration in that troubled pool. This year for the first time the government will accept commercial paper as security for government deposits and for the first time will deposit large sums of the public funds in those parts of the country where ready cash is urgently needed for the moving of the nation's crops. About \$50,000,000 will be deposited in the banks of the west and south to be used for short-time loans to farmers at a uniform rate of two and one-half per cent. The money will be secured by the banks' own commercial paper and will be returned to the treasury immediately after it has served its purpose.

The curious thing about the McAdoo program of meeting financial stringency with an emergency issue of currency is that he doesn't really need to do it at all—all that is necessary is to say that he is going to. A month ago, when half a dozen big trust companies were tottering on the brink, when money everywhere was tightening like a bowstring, when banks declined to lend to a tenth of their value on gilt-edged securities and panic was in the air, the Secretary of the Treasury let it casually be known that he had about half a billion dollars stowed away in an old stocking which he would bring into play instantaneously at the first sign of anyone attempting to sell short the nation's prosperity. Probably no one will ever know whether he really had that much money; everyone thought he did and that was quite enough. The

bears broke for cover and the panic blew away like the intangible mist that a panic is. Years ago a little Missouri bank, hard put to it, allowed its double line of frantic depositors see four husky men carrying heavy gunny-sacks from a covered truck into its vaults under the eyes of a dozen Winchester. The run stopped instantly and it was not till long after that the citizens learned that the sacks were filled with poker chips.

Who Runs May Read.

It seems not out of place at this point to direct the attention of the readers of *The Clubwoman* to several departmental features, inaugurated in this issue of the magazine, which will be found invaluable to federated clubs desiring to realize in those branches of their work the efficiency and results to be derived from uniform and harmonious endeavor toward a common end. From the able pens of the state chairmen of Literature, Art, Music and Parliamentary Practice are printed herein a volume of suggestions and outlines of work so practical as in themselves to constitute working plans which no district chairman or individual club department head can afford to overlook. However skilled and earnest be our club units in their respective lines of study it must not for a moment be forgotten that the fruits of federation are to be attained solely along convergent paths, directed by a common head toward an end which, through a forest of multiple and sometimes apparently conflicting details, is kept constantly in sight. Effort intelligently unified is an irresistible force for real and tangible results, where the same expenditure without that unification is merely confusion and lost motion.

Americanizing Americans.

The arrival in California of the Rodman Wanamaker Expedition on its

twenty-thousand-mile tour of the Indian reservations of the United States has served to give thinking people a new light whereby to think on a subject much older than the United States itself. The avowed purpose of the Philadelphians—that of Americanizing the rapidly-vanishing remnant of the original Americans—seems an odd sort of paradox filled with an amply-justified reproach to those who stop in their worldly hurry-scurry long enough to remember our natural debt to poor Lo. Deprived of his great heritage by the cruel and inexorable law of the survival of the fittest and long since clubbed into a state of submission where his original savage instincts are no more a menace to the lives of his supplanters, it does not give any of us a very comfortable feeling to be reminded how completely we have stripped him and given nothing in return of our own real assets. The Indian—what is left of him—has been pastured out on infinitesimal patches of his own original territory, fed and blanketed on the rations-and-red-tape basis and even educated after a fashion. But to most of us the good Indian is still the dead Indian. The real focus of our shortcomings is to read in the fact that, under the auspices of the Wanamaker Expedition, the one hundred and sixty-nine tribes are for the first time embracing the privilege of themselves raising the American flag above tepees planted on what is not the “government part” of the reservations.

Chasing the Bandwagon.

The July issue of the *American Brewers' Review*, published in Chicago, contains an editorial in which one can taste the sugar even before grasping the remarkable import of what it appears to say. Entitled “Emancipation of Woman, Emancipation of the Brewer,” it sets forth that the manufacturers of alcoholic beverages are very glad that Illinois has granted the suffrage

to women because "experience has shown that the vote of women in suffrage states has been almost invariably on the 'wet' side." It continues to the general effect that the only thing the liquor industry has to fear is that not all the women will vote and winds up with a plea for the universal establishment of beer-gardens where men and women shall share equally in the patronage.

Political discussion is quite without the province of The Clubwoman but it may not be improper to remark that the Review's editorial sounds like the sort of whistling a timid person emits while passing a cemetery after dark. We do not recall that the Brewers' Association actively supported equal suffrage in Illinois or anywhere else before the franchise was actually given to women. In fact our impression was to the contrary. In view of the outcome of recent local option elections in California, it may be added that the Review's hopeful outlook for the future of liquor at the polls is more hopeful than anything else.

Utopias in the Country.

In general the history of the artificial colonization of restricted areas—the transplanting of so many families upon so much ground, each with specific instructions as to what to do and how to do it—has not been a history of success. For that reason, if for none other, the Eastern campaign of "Forward to the Land" of Mrs. Haviland H. Lund, a California woman, will be watched with keen interest by those who have the practical solution of the slum problem at heart. Mrs. Lund has evolved a plan, which she proposes to realize through the efforts of a national association, whereby the units of the submerged tenth shall invest their rent-money in shares in a colony to be established in the country—a sort of social center and garden district combined. Agricultural teachers will

be provided and livings are to be made by intensive farming. The social side will be provided by picture shows, dance-halls, libraries and perhaps a few saloons—all under community regulation.

The advantages and disadvantages of the plan are alike obvious. In theory it will do away with the slums and the congested districts of large cities and simultaneously will realize the actual cash possibilities of the soil as they have never been realized before. It is an unfortunate lesson of experience, however, that it is extremely difficult to make the units of such a colony "stay put" in a state of satisfaction and harmony with themselves and their neighbors. Making anything to order in which the material is composed of live human beings, all simultaneously and suspiciously sniffing for the taint of the patronizing, is a task which more than one philanthropist has given up in despair. But it is certainly worth trying again.

I Told You So.

That most of us are at heart "stand-patters" seems to be indicated by the avidity with which the newspapers seized upon and elaborated the failure of the first of Massachusetts' so-called eugenic marriages. In this case it was a young couple united from the standpoint of physical perfection, this having been apparently the lone qualification. Naturally their life was led somewhat after the manner of the proverbial cat and dog and now they have separated "for ever and ever." Their friends have since found pleasant occupation in assuring each other that they knew it all the time and by some remarkable mental processes are twisting the case into an argument against a physical qualification for marriage. One might as intelligently argue that no one should drink water because if he takes it to the exclusion of all else he will die.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

The State Art Conference, held in Berkeley July 18th was the mid-vacation event in the annals of the federation.

The University of California was the host, and not only provided the place of meeting but offered its star attraction of the summer session. Professor Holborn, of Oxford, England, who is giving a course of lectures on the "Philosophy of the Beautiful."

The program was arranged by Mrs. E. B. Stanwood who presided in the

absence of Mrs. Miguel Estudillo. Mrs. R. B. Holway, chairman of art of the Alameda district, a resident of Berkeley, was an untiring hostess in her attention to the detail of arrangement and gave a delightful address on the early art life of California. Mrs. Holway declared that the freedom of a new country encouraged original treatment, and California thereby had a unique position, and the promise of holding it, offering continually fruitful themes in natural beauty.

Mrs. J. B. Hughes, of the Northern district, has the happy faculty of presenting definite plans for art study, and inspiring her auditors to the immediate pursuit of the same. She comes armed with such material helps as photo prints, postal card reproductions, portfolios and outlines of study.

Mrs. Rose Berry, art chairman of the San Francisco district, showed the relation of art to literature, music and religious history.

As the morning session was devoted to the club needs, Professor J. Howarth, of the University of California, spoke of the service offered by the university through the extension department. Miss Susan Smith, of the State Library of California, dwelt on the invaluable help to be found in the State Library and the way of obtaining it.

Mr. John E. D. Trask, of the P. P. I. E., in his address at the afternoon session said the exposition of 1915 would set a new mark in fine art exhibitions and if the clubwomen of this state persist in their plan to direct their art studies with the view of preparation for this event, they will be the most intelligent body of women on the face of the earth.

Mr. Trask further said he had in preparation a syllabus covering the study of American painting, with an accompanying bibliography, which will be at the service of clubwomen.

The day closed with the eagerly anticipated address of Professor Holborn, who has a most engaging personality, and such absolute un-self-consciousness as to be envied.

The obligation of the club woman to art is to cultivate discrimination and appreciation, to foster the expression and to popularize the study of art in the schools.

The conference adopted a resolution requesting the regents of the State university and the State board of education to introduce the definite study of art in public schools and colleges.

The attendance at the conference was gratifying: club women from the

San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys, from the coast towns, and the cities along the bay were supplemented by the students at the summer school. It may here be noted that the Sketch Club of San Francisco, an association of women artists, has recently become a member of the C. F. W. C. These department conferences stimulate interest, for sympathy and co-operation is the basis of success in all our work.

Any educational movement that is significant to the people gains an impetus through thoughtful organization and publicity. The Society for the Abolition of Capital Punishment has recently re-organized, elected new officers and has entered upon a policy of education. As the official representative of the C. F. W. C., your president has been placed on the list of honorary vice-presidents. Invitations have also come to attend a conference in vocational training to be addressed by Dr. Susan Kingsbury of Simmon's College, Boston, and another conference in physical education. The spirit of reciprocity and co-operation prevails in our state, and thereby unifies and strengthens effort.

The Year Book and the Leaflet of Practical Suggestions which is the foreword from the state chairman of departments, outlining their work for the current year, has just gone to the printers. The usual delay prevailed of incomplete returns from districts.

A change has been made in the arrangement of letterheads, suggested by the practice of the general federation. Under the new way each of the state chairmen will have her department letterheads, including all names and addresses of the district chairmen, district presidents and officers, their respective stationery and, similarly, the state executive. We hope this will be satisfactory. All printed matter will be distributed in August.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. James W. Orr.

AM I REALLY MY BROTHERS' KEEPER?

By Norman Bridge, M. D.

(The following is, in part, a discourse delivered by Dr. Bridge, of Los Angeles, in the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Minneapolis the day before the opening of the annual convention of the American Medical Association. It is to be regretted that lack of space prevents a reproduction here of the entire address. To the California club women and public-spirited citizens who earnestly and ably worked for the passage of the Health Certificate for Marriage Bill, however, the following excerpts appear particularly relevant.—Ed.)

It is a cardinal truth that one ought not to waste his powers or ruin his opportunities. No man has a right to mortgage his future for present joy. It is wrong for any man to obstruct or interfere with the weal or rights of another. Every child has the inherent natural right to his largest possible development, physical and spiritual. He has a right to his race in life, and the best that he can run, and it is the duty of his neighbors and of society to help him always, and never to hinder.

Unquestionably the greatest danger to the life and happiness is from the micro-organisms of disease that beset us on every hand. We fight and struggle against them unceasingly. We live militant lives; the religion of complete non-resistance is impossible. There are no non-combatants among us; and the microbes destroy most of us finally.

A hundred different diseases threaten us, some mild, others mortal. Some come to us from we know not whence, some we know pass from person to person—that is, they are contagious; their microbic causes enter our bodies, perhaps to kill or cripple us, then pass into the bodies of others, and through them to still others, successively, in a chain that is substantially endless.

One of the greatest problems of this day is that of preventable deaths, as



Dr. Norman Bridge

revealed to us by the sciences of bacteriology and hygiene. How we can circumvent the micro-organisms that would destroy us is the goal.

Alas, that virility and power in the world's business should make it needful for a little more caution, fear, and self-restraint than the average youth has, in order to keep him from calamity. From time immemorial, those who love their kind have struggled to teach men to observe this lesson and have not succeeded very greatly.

What can be done that will make the success greater? One thing that I am sure would help mightily is more knowledge on the part of the people, young and old—wholesome knowledge without prudery. Ignorance is the great obstacle, every young person ought to know the facts; and boys and girls are eager for all the facts of their own physiology and functions. To know is to be armed and protected.

They must be taught regularly and wisely. They can never have such teaching in ordinary schools. There every text book on anatomy and physiology is shorn of any reference to the vital truths of life wherein men and women differ from each other—the text books are absolutely neuter. And all oral teaching shuns this subject as though it were a pestilence.

Do you think it is fair to the boys and girls to hide from them all intimate knowledge of the most potent half of their natures, while we worry because they use slang, put their elbows on the table at dinner, and forget to turn down the bedclothes after getting out of bed in the morning? You seriously ask the family doctor to have a heart to heart talk with your son and frighten him from smoking cigarettes, which you think are likely to ruin him. But the doctor knows of worse influences that are pulling him down to destruction—and which you ignore. You love your son and you would snatch him away from every precipice that you think of; but you forget the one hidden in the mists down which he is most likely to fall.

You wish your daughter to be innocent, so you keep her ignorant, and you picture a time when some good and gentle man will make love to her in verse and on perfumed paper. But she inwardly rebels at her restrictions, and is looking for a young fellow with strong muscles, capable of hitting hard, and of using stronger language than she dares to use. She would be a fit companion for such a stalwart if you would let her.

I think the rising generation have us indicted for unfairly treating them; for defrauding them. The best remedy of repentance in sight for us is to teach them, inform them, educate them. I would have lectures given regularly to both boys and girls of proper age, by wise and sympathetic physicians (of their own sex of course). And in almost every community such physicians are to be found—both men and women

—who would gladly give their services for this purpose. But this being one of the most vital parts of the proper education of the young there is no reason why the public should not pay for it, as it pays for reading and writing.

This sort of uplifting instruction has now been done in enough communities to prove its great value to the young people. Their satisfaction in the knowledge gained has been great; and, best of all, their saner view of life, their higher ideals and wider sympathies, their more wholesome friendships and greater helpfulness to each other, have shown that this is a missionary effort that is as effective and useful as any on earth. It is a home missionary work in a double sense—it is done here at home, and it makes for better homes here.

The perils of the altar to women, from communicable diseases, have of late been much in the public mind. Almost every woman comes to her marriage pure and free of such disorders. Women are better than men; for many men go to the altar infected or uncured from their previous infections. Of course most of these would refuse to marry if they believed themselves to be dangerous.

Against this condition many of the American clergy have set their faces. Some of them require that all candidates coming to them for marriage shall bring a physician's certificate of health. All honor to these men; but it is doubtful that they can succeed as well as they deserve to. For unworthy or hesitating candidates are liable to seek less exacting clergy, or to bring certificates from accommodating physicians, or from those who are careless and superficial in their examinations, or who know little of the modern methods of hunting for the gonococcus, and who therefore make numberless mistakes. I heartily wish that it were possible to make such a regulation of marriage, that could be effective.

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DISTRICT PLANS FOR THE COMING YEAR

The vacation period in the club year—the summer months when regular meetings are suspended and club activities are for the most part of a social nature—is far from being the time of total quiescence which it might, at cursory inspection, appear to be. It is rather a sort of breathing space during which those into whose hands is given the task of directing club endeavors are gathering their resources for a renewed attack upon the problems to which the interval has given a new perspective. It is with the idea of emphasizing the fact of this constant, quiet preparation for work to come that The Clubwoman has asked the different district presidents for the following brief resumes of their plans for their respective divisions of the federation during the club year shortly to open:

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

By Mrs. Lillian Pray Palmer,
President.

High potency words are needed to tell of conditions as they exist at this time in the Southern District, C. E. W. C. There is a spirit of co-operation and thorough understanding which tells of the harmony and positive unity of purpose that prevails throughout the five southern counties of the state and speaks courage to those who are giving their time and best effort to the problems and possibilities of the women's clubs in federation.

One feels the enthusiasm and is inspired by it. It is a vital force, infectious and vivifying, and it takes no prophet to foretell a splendid year's work.

The executive board held a very successful session June 27th at the home of Mrs. R. B. Vaile, El Centro, who is our district chairman of home economics. There was a good attendance of officers, chairmen and club presidents, and excellent reports from every department were given—or read. It is gratifying to note the promptness,

order and system with which the work is being approached; plans are definite and practical, and in some instances well begun. The desire to understand and co-operate with the plans of the state chairmen was manifest in every report. General plans for the annual Southern District convention, to be held November 18-19-20 in San Diego, were gone over with great satisfaction. The executive board feels sure that a program of rare value is being prepared and will call out a full representation from the clubs of the district. It is also joyfully anticipated that many state officers and chairmen and visiting club women will attend. San Diego County federation is planning a hospitality worthy of the sunny Southland and its people are hoping this convention will be the largest and best in the history of the Southern District.

In May, the Southern District will assist Riverside in entertaining the annual state convention. The local board is already deep in plans for the welfare and entertainment of the large delegation that will avail themselves of the famed hospitality of Riverside and the benefits of a state convention.

These are some of the most important activities that the clubs of the south are occupied with even in these days of vacation, and notwithstanding that, if we are to believe the state committee on redistricting, we are facing a serious surgical operation that will cut from us three of our counties, leaving San Diego and Imperial to carry on the interests of federation under the banner of the Southern District. If this is inevitable we are facing the situation in what we believe to be a proper spirit and a becoming manner. The Southern District is and always will be more than a geographical survey. Its boundaries can not be set wholly by its miles, nor its strength told by its club membership alone. It is and always will be of the state federation a vital part. Its radius of influence and the quality of its service are

its most important boundaries and limitations. Districts are divisions of expediency in state federation alone and of themselves they are but fractional and imperfect. So if it is expedient for the state to redistrict it must follow that it is expedient for the clubs to be re-districted.

After all there can be no real division in federation. San Bernardino county will always clasp hands with Riverside and Riverside will reach out to Orange and Orange stands close to San Diego, while Imperial and San Diego are no farther apart than when they were one color on the map. These are but imaginary lines. Let us leave these matters of convenience in the hands to the committee to which they have been intrusted and resume our own responsibilities—the duties that are ours as is the present. The next thing facing us is to make better the conditions which are limiting and binding the children of our state, preventing hindering and delaying human conservation and development, which is the fundamental object and purpose of every department in our federation.

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.

By Mrs. W. C. Mushet, President.

It's quite time, I am sure, that my story of hopes and plans for the Los Angeles District, for the coming year, was written and forwarded over the three thousand miles to dear old Los Angeles—how dear, I never realized until now, nor did I sufficiently value the work of the district. So many years have elapsed since my home was in Connecticut that great changes have occurred and what was homelike now seems foreign, and in fact as I go about I feel like a veritable Rip Van Winkle.

While comparisons are odious, I cannot help noting that Connecticut has not yet granted the franchise to her women, also women's clubs are not so numerous here as in California, and it makes me homesick for Los Angeles with her hundred clubs and her progressive spirit. Conservative Con-

necticut surely is the land of steady habits, yet she is eagerly looking forward to "equal rights," but thinks they should be granted by a federal law.

My hopes for the Los Angeles District are centered in the district board, which this year has been augmented by the addition of four new chairmen: Peace, Literature, Country Life and Political Science have been added to the list of departments. My vision will not encompass the good work which I prophecy will be accomplished by that splendid body of women who have given themselves to the cause with a consecration almost like that of the old Crusaders. They will carry the "gospel of federation" to every city, taking special care to reach those more remote from the centers of club activities.

Presidents' councils will be called during the year; the first one doubtless will be held before the clubs open. Through such conferences the leaders can take counsel not only with one another but with the district board, work in unison, and so bring about a more perfect federation, whose influence shall extend to the farthest borders of the district.

Department conferences are urged, as they bring into closer union those interested in the urgent, live questions of the day, and many, I believe, are planned for the coming year.

And now, may I confess to you that your president cherishes an ambition to visit several clubs in the district, not always, perhaps, on special club days but at their regular meetings? I hope to return home with mind enriched and spirit enthused to make this the very best year in the history of the Los Angeles District.

SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT.

By Mrs. Percy L. Shuman, President.

Responding to your request for an outline of the work in San Francisco District for the coming club year, I am happy to give The Clubwoman the assurance of renewed interest from all

part of the district, and as perfect harmony prevails in the ranks of our club forces, it is quite safe to predict that the coming year will be filled with events of unusual importance in club life.

The chairmen of committees for San Francisco District for the year 1913-14 are:

Art—Mrs. Rose V. S. Berry, Berkeley.

Civics—Miss Jennie Partridge, San Francisco.

Civil Service Reform—Mrs. W. V. Grimes, Pacific Grove.

Club Extension—Mrs. Geo. Murray, Eureka.

Conservation, Forestry—Miss Nell H. Cole, Ben Lomond.

Conservation, Waterways—Miss Adeline Gray, San Jose.

Country Life—Miss Nellie Denman, Petaluma.

Education—Mrs. Ella M. Sexton, San Francisco.

History and Landmarks—Mrs. Carrie A. Burlingame, Sonoma.

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Home Economics—Miss Mary B. Vail, Mills College.

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I am deeply impressed with the development of a spirit of interest and

harmony among the members of the San Francisco District executive board, which must produce most satisfactory results and inspire the clubs of the district with pride and determination to excel in the varied departments of club activity.

Already the various chairmen have sent in requests for assignments upon club programs.

We shall continue to hold district county councils, which were inaugurated last year and were so effective in developing club kinship and making easier the work of the president and chairmen.

Wherever the district county councils have been held we shall follow up the good work with Reciprocity Days, and here, we believe, is one of the greatest fields for the reciprocity chairmen, in assisting the clubs of the district to have a Reciprocity Day and program.

Arrangements are being made, and are already fairly under way for the coming twelfth annual convention of the San Francisco District to be held in Santa Rosa, October 29, 30 and 31, 1913, to which all club women are cordially invited.

The clubs have responded so promptly throughout the past year to the notices and leaflets sent out by the chairmen that we are led to expect even greater activity for the coming year along the lines of the real work and development of the world-wide causes we espouse.

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

By Mrs. A. F. Jones, President.

Some one has said that "it is faith in something, enthusiasm for something, and work for something that makes life worth while."

I have faith in this great federation movement. I believe this Northern District to be a fertile field for big ideas, and that we are just awakening to our possibilities.

I believe that the road to success is service and co-operation and I believe

that in co-operation there is achievement. I desire for this Northern District tireless activity along all lines of human betterment.

That "cleaning day" and civic adornment may go hand in hand, and that they may lead to the "city beautiful."

Abolish the public drinking cup; agitate pure, clean food; destroy the fly and eliminate the mosquito. This will lead to better health conditions.

That all civic clubs and all current event classes will study civil service reform, that they may have a knowledge of our state institutions having in charge the dependent, defective and delinquent, and that every club woman study the "merit system." Clean men in office are of greater importance than clean streets.

Now that we have the right of full citizenship and the power of the ballot, it is our duty to study our state and national legislation; especially upon matters concerning the welfare of women and children.

That scientific and sensible living will solve the problem of the high cost of living, and that all may learn that there is an art in the economics of household affairs.

In this district, the home of the pioneers, Sutter, Fremont, Marshall, Bidwell and many others, I hope to have collected and compiled stories telling of their courage and valor, to preserve landmarks and collect relics and photographs, and also to hunt out the Indian lore and legendry.

For the conservation and proper utilization of our natural resources. These are the biggest problems in the state today—our forests, our waterways and our soil, and the adding of Bald Rock canyon to California's list of national parks.

Since the dominant note of the Panama-Pacific Exposition is to be American art, suggestive outlines are being sent out to the various clubs as to the best means of the study of our own artists.

Music adds to the artistic side of the work and I hope for the raising of the standard in the public schools and for the study of music by our American composers.

For literature, the modern drama and the modern novel, dealing as they do with the social problems of the day.

For better equipped, better ventilated school buildings, better supervised playgrounds, and a wider use of the "school plant."

My desire for the children—our most precious asset today—is the higher education, where possible; but always education along practical lines—manual training, domestic art, industrial training and vocational guidance.

The humble task of service belongs to the information bureau. May we "help it to be of use."

That our country life department take an active interest in the rural progress movement.

To have our club notes given publicity, so that many women who are indifferent will become interested in the work of the federation.

ALAMEDA DISTRICT.

By Mrs. R. V. Colby, President.

The new officers of the Alameda District, C. F. W. C., send greetings to their sister officers of the other districts in the state, and welcome this opportunity for an exchange of ideas for the coming year.

Alameda, because of the nearness of her clubs to the State University, feels that her special task this year is the forming of a link between the new extension bureau of the university and the federation.

In the bureau we have lecturers ready to talk on a wide range of subjects: in the federation we have an audience eager to receive that which those lecturers can give them. The future success of the university extension bureau, and its growth, depends upon its usefulness to the public. We feel that our committees on literature,

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PARLIAMENTARY USAGE

By Mrs. Annie Little Barry

State Chairman of Parliamentary Practice

Having been requested to have a page in *The Clubwoman* devoted to parliamentary usage, I have gladly consented; for as state chairman of this committee I believe that in no other way can I reach so many of the club women of California.

It is becoming a necessity for women who are interested in topics of the day to have a knowledge of parliamentary usage. It matters not if this interest be concentrated on religious movements, civics, politics, reforms, or literary organizations. A knowledge of parliamentary usage gives one a reasonable confidence to take part in the active work of any organized body; it helps one to prepare for public service, not with the spirit of exhibition but of helpfulness.

I shall be glad to have any questions asked. If they are of general interest they will be answered on this page; if of a personal nature the answer will be by letter.

Our state president, Mrs. Orr, has asked me to begin with very simple points.

LESSON I.

A Simple Motion.

Before stating a motion or making remarks of any kind rise, address the chair, wait to be recognized. In a convention if there is any doubt that the presiding officer knows you, give your name and name of the club you represent. Having been recognized by the chair, state your motion simply, clearly, and briefly. Do not discuss your motion before you make it; do not say, "I suggest." If you wish anything done, be business-like and to the point; to suggest is cowardly.

Do not say, "I would move." If you would, why don't you?

Do not say, "I move you, Madam President." It is not the president you

are moving. Do not say "I make a motion."

The proper form is, "I move that."

After the motion has been made and seconded, the chairman will state the motion clearly and ask for discussion (if a debatable question). The maker of a motion has the right to open and close debate.

Example.

Miss Bird—"Madam President."

President—"Miss Bird."

Miss Bird—"I move that this club form a section for the study of parliamentary usage, and practice in extemporaneous speaking."

Mrs. Cox—"Madam President, I second the motion."

President—"You have heard the motion: That this club form a section for the study of parliamentary usage and practice in extemporaneous speaking. Do you wish to discuss this motion?"

(Discussion follows.)

President—"Is there any further discussion of this question? If not, all in favor of the motion, which is: That this club form a section for the study of parliamentary usage and practice in extemporaneous speaking, signify it by saying aye; opposed, no."

(Vote taken.)

President—"The motion is carried."

The president always announces the result of vote, the preferred form being "The motion is lost or the motion is carried."

Undebatable Questions.

To adjourn.

Orders of the day.

Objection to the consideration of a question.

Lay on the table or take from the table.

Suspend the rules.

Previous question.

Withdrawing a motion.

Reconsider (if the question to be reconsidered is undebatable).

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

By Mrs. George H. Hutton

State Chairman of Music

The state chairman of music earnestly asks your co-operation and interest in developing and promoting the appreciation of good music in your community and offers the following suggestions for your consideration:

1. Urge club women to use their influence against "rag time" and vulgar, trashy music in hotels, parks, at beaches and in public places and to banish it from their homes where it is most pernicious in affecting the moral atmosphere and creating low ideals for children.

2. All club programs should be educational—not by any means excepting music. It is urged that musical programs for general clubs be carefully chosen, seriously considered, "purpose" programs are recommended; music is not less enjoyable and is infinitely more interesting if there is some definite, intelligent thought in listening to it. Printed programs with any dates, notes of explanation, translations of foreign words and texts of songs with correct spelling should accompany every musical program. The members being urged to keep these programs for future reference.

3. Clubs having music at every meeting should follow some definite idea; either the music should have some relation to the program which follows or, independent of the program, follow some definite and systematic plan. It is suggested that for the entire year only American music be presented, with short biographical notes. At the end of the year the members would be familiar with the names and representative compositions of our own best composers.

4. Suggest to small clubs that they arrange programs using a phonograph for illustration. Further suggestions along this line will be gladly given upon application to the state chairman.

5. Admit the general public to special musical programs for a small admission fee. In this way more money may be spent for programs and the club music be more of a benefit to the community.

6. Urge general clubs in the vicinity of San Francisco and Los Angeles to have at least two lecture recitals on the operas to be presented by the Chicago Opera Company next March and the music clubs and sections to particularly study operas and symphonies and loyally support them by interest and attendance.

7. Suggest to clubs in small towns that they entertain the teachers of the public schools and the high school students, if possible, with a good musical program once a year; also the husbands of members in a similar way.

8. Club women are urged to use their influence to place a music department in the public library—this department to contain text books on music, scores of well-known operas, oratorios and some of the world's best vocal and piano forte music. A conservative list of books and music suitable for a small library will be furnished by the state chairman.

9. There should be a music section for the study of music, history and appreciation in every general club, every member who is a music lover being welcome whether she knows a note of music or not. A choral section, or perhaps a quartet or double quartet would add interest and variety to music in club.

Suggestions for courses of study, "purpose" programs, information regarding librettos, opera scores, text books, artists, and any questions pertaining to music in clubs will be cheerfully received and answered by the state chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF LITERATURE

By George F. Reinhardt

State Chairman of Literature

Literature, of all the arts, is most near the human heart and most closely related to human life, therefore it is the widest of all the arts in its appeal and the most spontaneously appreciated. Because it is an art capable of existing and perpetuating itself without tools as well as with them, having existed in many forms more centuries before printing was discovered than have passed since that important book-increasing event, much literature is capable of being enjoyed with little or no technical preparation. For these reasons it is a subject particularly adapted for club work, where trained leaders may or may not be available, but where, nevertheless, enjoyment and profit without end reward the faithful. Wasn't it Carlyle who said of books that in them "lies the soul of the whole past time"? Wasn't it Shelley who

said of poetry that it is "the best and happiest moments of the best and happiest lives"?

As a subject of study the phases of literature are as various as the methods by which it may be approached, the purposes that may animate a club, or the applications to be made of the newly-acquired knowledge. A club does the best work in literary study when each member is a doer as well as a hearer, for only if a member is participating somewhat in the preparation of a topic can she listen intelligently to a discussion of that topic.

In choosing a phase of literature for study, it should be remembered that the size and individual activity of a membership largely determine what is a practical undertaking. In a large club or section the work must be largely extensive, since only a fraction have

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active responsibilities and the rest must conquer the temptation to be passive listeners. Programs which will hold unweariedly the attention of a large audience must be somewhat general and present large facts of obvious significance. In a small club, where the responsibilities are equally divided, where every member busies herself with the topic in hand and the intimacies of individual discussion are possible, real intensive study may be undertaken and carried out in detail. A club doing work in this way becomes less an audience than a self-participating class.

Subjects chosen from the literature of the past have chiefly a cultural value. They afford us standards. This does not mean that they have not a fundamental interest in themselves impossible to duplicate in any contemporary writer. The dramas of Aeschylus may not make us sit up nights to scan the final line as does the latest novel of Arnold Bennett, but the place and purpose which the judging centuries have assigned the former are stable and sure, and his message is one of surpassing nobility and beauty.

Subjects chosen from contemporary literature have the direct and strong appeal of our own time. Interest in them is easily aroused and held, but the lasting value of anything that is read simply because it is new must for the time being be in doubt. Such literature has a current significance, economic, political, or aesthetic. There is always the chance that a popular work by a new writer may prove to be a classic. There is no reason why there should not be literary giants in these as in other days, but in winnowing grain the bulk of chaff is always larger than the bulk of wheat.

Happy is that club which knows what it wants to do and sets about it. If every club could have a reason for that which it undertakes in the coming year, its work would be marked by an astonishing vitality.

Some seven general subjects are here suggested, any one of which will fur-

nish an alluring year of work and pleasure. It is not expected that they will interest all clubs desiring to undertake literary study, but they are suggested because each seems to be of moment at this particular time. The state chairman will publish in *The Clubwoman* programs under each of these subjects which may, if desired, be adhered to throughout the year. Accompanying these will be lists of books essential to the subject or illuminating it in some way. The state chairman will be glad to answer any questions in regard to the subjects here suggested, or in regard to other subjects which any literary group may be engaged upon. She believes that an early choice of subject is desirable for many reasons: books which must be sent for are not always to be had at a day's or a month's notice; program leaders should have three or four months for their specific tasks; at least two programs of the year should be left partly unfilled that new material in the membership may be used—time is essential for profitable preparation, as for any legitimate growth.

1. The Literature of California—This field is delightful in itself, and at a time when California is in the minds and on the tongues of so many people, it is fitting that Californians understand themselves, artistically as well as geographically, agriculturally, or in other ways.

2. The Literature of New England—There is a little known and interesting field to explore in the very earliest literary writings of the colonists. Of late years these have become available through reprints. No lover of literature, and certainly no American, can afford to be ignorant of these writings of the settlers, or of those who came after.

3. The Dramas of Henrik Ibsen—The works of this northern dramatist have had a wide influence upon the play-writing of all western countries, and are highly significant in their relation to the feminist movement that is felt today in every civilized land.



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4. Development of the English Novel—This universally used form of literary expression is of comparatively recent growth, and has a most interesting history.

5. The Gaelic Revival.—The rather recent coming of the Irish players to this country, their immediate popularity, and their promised return have brought to the attention of Americans the phenomenal upspringing of literature among the Irish, and created the desire to know more of this nation's artistic product.

6. Contemporary English Drama.—

England is enjoying a renaissance of drama in new and strange forms. Never was the theatre closer to the domestic, economic and political life of England than at the present time.

7. The Literary Study of the Bible.—As a collection of classics in prose and in poetry there is nothing to compare with the Scriptures. To approach this volume for artistic rather than religious reasons is to see it in a new light. The present generation does not know the Bible. No generation can afford such ignorance.

DEPARTMENT OF ART

By Mrs. Miguel Estudillo

State Chairman of Art

Many requests come from clubs forming art sections for information about art study. These are some suggestions for finding material and opportunity for such study:

1. The town public library may have art books, magazines and reproductions. Learn what there is at home. The county library may furnish more valuable works.

2. The state library will send upon application valuable art books and reproductions free of charge to those counties having the county library system, to others for the cost of transportation.

3. Private homes may loan works of art.

4. Good cheap prints may be had from different publishers. Get their catalogues. The district art chairman will supply addresses.

5. Masterpiece post cards may be used. Urge dealers to handle these cards. With the post card lantern a charming entertainment may be arranged.

6. Speakers may be found among high school teachers, clergymen, travelers, students, leaders of art sections, artists and the district art chairmen.

7. The district art chairman stands

ready to help at all times. All art study is a preparation for the rare advantages which will be offered us by the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

The following presents a chronological outline of painting in Europe and America for clubs beginning new art sections:

ITALY.

The beginners: Cimabue, Giotto. 15th and 16th centuries: the Renaissance.

Florentines: Fra Angelico, Fra Filippo Lippi, Botticelli, Francesco Verrochio, Ghirlandajo, Leonardo da Vinci, Bartolommeo del Sarto, Michael Angelo.

Umbria: Perugino, his pupil Raphael.

Parma: Correggio.

Venice: Bellini, Titian, Tintoretto, Veronese.

FLANDERS.

14th and 15th centuries: Jan Van Eyck, Vander Weyden, Memling.

16th and 17th centuries: Rubens, Jordaens, Van Dyck.

GERMANY.

15th and 16th centuries: Albrecht Duerer, Hans Holbein.

HOLLAND.

16th and 17th centuries: Franz Hals, Rembrandt, Dou, Jan Steen, Potter, Jan Steen, Potter, Cuyp, Ruysdael.

SPAIN.

16th and 17th centuries: Ribera, Zurbaran, Velasquez, Murillo.

FRANCE.

17th and 18th centuries: Ponssin, Claude Lorraine, Watteau, Boucher, Fragonard, Greuze, David.

19th century: Prudhon, Gros, Gericault, Delacroix, Ingres, Delaroche. Cabanel, Bouguereau, Baudry, Laurens, Regnault, Detaille, De Camps, Fromentin, Gerome.

Barbizon School: Rousseau, Corot, Diaz, Dupre, Daubigny, Jacques, Millet.

Rosa Bonheur, Breton: Manet, Le Page, L'hermite, Degas, Monet, Puvis du Chavannes.

ENGLAND.

18th century: Hogarth. The portrait painters, Gainsborough, Sir Josh-

ua Reynolds, Lawrence.

19th century: Landscape, Constable, Turner, Landseer. Pre-Raphaelites—Holman Hunt, Rosetti, Millais, Burne Jones, Watts, Leighton, Poynter, Moore, Herkomer, MacWhirter.

AMERICA.

Founders: J. S. Copley, Allston, Peale, Stuart, Trumbull, Benjamin West.

Landscape Painters: Thomas Cole, George Inness, Homer Martin, Wyant, Moran, Tryon, Church.

Sea Painters: Winslow Homer, Woodbury, Carlsen, Waugh, Dougherty, Harrison, William Morris Hunt, George Fuller, Whistler, Sargent, Brush, Bridgeman, Chase, Benson, Tarbell, Mary Cassatt.

Illustrators: Pyle, Parrish, Remington, Abbey.

Prints illustrating the Italian, Spanish, Netherlands and English painters may be obtained upon application from the state library.

DISTRICT NEWS

SAN FRANCISCO.

Mrs. Norman Martin, Press Chairman.

The San Francisco District, C. F. W. C., is making history—history which the annals of the state federation work will mark with distinction. At the last executive board meeting held at the Palace hotel enough vitalizing plans were disclosed to inspire the energetic club women for an entire season. The reports from the committees of the district displayed a tendency to present only results—absolute results which made the meeting fairly hum. Mrs. Rose Berry, chairman of the art committee, gave the plan for the art conference held at the University of California, July 18th, when the state art conference engrossed the attention of the entire club world of our state. Notable features of the program were the greeting by Mrs. J. W. Orr, state president; "What the U. C. Can Do for Art in California," Prof. Howarth, of U. C.; "What the State Library Can Do for Art in California,"

Miss Smith, of state library; "What the Schools Can Do for Art in California," Miss Powers; "What Clubs Can Do for Art in General," by the district art chairman; "Practical Working Plan for Art in Country Clubs," Mrs. J. B. Hughes; "California Art," Mrs. R. S. Holway; "The Value of the Study of Art," Mrs. Rose V. S. Berry; addresses by J. E. D. Trask, in charge of the fine arts, Panama-Pacific exposition, and Prof. Stoughton Holborn of Oxford and Cambridge extension work.

The work of the music committee, of which Mrs. John Jury is chairman, was a revelation. Mrs. Jury reported the elimination of "ragtime" music from five leading motion picture theatres and the substitution of good music. Another big plan is that of Miss Jennie Partridge in her determination to have rest rooms in the large buildings of San Francisco for the benefit of the young women employed there.

The report from Mrs. Lillian Harris Coffin on legislation was of inestima-

ble value to busy club women seeking a course of action which means the highest results. Other reports by Dr. Mariana Bertola, on health; Mrs. F. Bostwick, Miss Mary Vail, Mrs. John Vickerson, reciprocity; Mrs. Carrie Burlingame and Mrs. Norman Martin, press, filled the closing board meeting. In presenting this report, an urgent request is made to the chairmen throughout the district for their reports that a full outline may in turn be presented to our official organ, The Clubwoman.

Worthy of special mention is the reception at the new club house of the Burlingame Woman's club. This club home—it is a home in every sense of the word—is one of the most attractive in California. A handful of loyal women under the able guidance of Mrs. George Probasco labored with loving energy and made a reality of this club dream. The building of itself is exceptionally well planned, with spacious reception rooms, a deep stage and a cosy home atmosphere pervading it all.

Many of our state officers who have been guests at the Out-Door Art club of Mill Valley will be happy to know that the beautiful club house escaped the ravages of the forest fires in Marin county. The meeting which was held there was the last of the district council meetings which were inaugurated by our president, Mrs. Shuman, was one of the most interesting of the

councils. Mrs. P. H. Ruddock, president of the Mill Valley club, and the hospitable officers provided a unique day for the guests.

One of the pretty events of the month was the Musical and Tri-County Conference held in honor of Mrs. Charles F. McCarthy of the San Mateo Woman's club, at the Peninsula hotel, San Mateo. The president was greeted by more than a hundred guests representing San Francisco, Santa Clara and San Mateo counties, and a musical and literary program of unusual merit was rendered. Among those contributing were Mrs. James W. Orr, state president; Mrs. Christine Hart, Mme. Emilia Tojetti, Mrs. Henry W. Hagen and others. A graceful tribute to Mrs. McCarthy from the pen of Racine McRoskey was one of the features of the program.

LOS ANGELES.

Mrs. O. C. Vogel, Press Chairman.

Another club whose ambition for a clubhouse of its own is in a fair way to be realized is the Cosmos Club. A meeting for the purpose of incorporating was recently held at the home of Miss Katze of Kingsley drive, a board of directors was chosen and the following officers elected: President, Mrs. C. Katze; vice-president, Mrs. Alice Anderson; secretary, Mrs. A. C. Stockwell; treasurer, Mrs. R. U. McClure.

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electd president of the Cosmos club, is making up her committees for the coming year, which promises to be the most successful in the history of the club, owing to the increased membership and the enthusiasm and harmony that exists.

The Friday Morning club is maintaining its reputation for initiative in an organization for the benefit of forming the Los Angeles Girls' Club, working girls and particularly those engaged in domestic service. Club rooms are to be established for meetings and entertainments, and to provide a place where the members can spend their spare time and make congenial acquaintances.

That this project fills a long felt want and will prove a great success goes almost without saying. In a city like Los Angeles there are always many girls who are strangers and who lack the opportunity to become acquainted and for social intercourse.

The Southern California Woman's Press Club is happy in the prospect of a vacation home. The committee in charge hopes soon to decide upon a site at one of the beaches for a cottage where the members can spend their vacation or week ends.

The Wednesday Morning Club gave a large and successful party on Wednesday evening, July 23, for the members, their husbands and friends. Cards, music and dancing were enjoyed.

Mrs. Lou V. Chapin has been engaged by the club for a series of lec-

tures on current events the coming year. Modern composers of all countries will be studied by the Matinee Musical Club next year. Regular meetings have been discontinued for the summer, but committee meetings are being held and plans discussed for next year's work.

The club women of the district are sharing with one another the pleasure of entertaining one of the best known of their sisters from the Lone Star state—Mrs. Robert Lee Browning, of Terrell, Tex., at present the guest of Mrs. A. M. Harris, of the Hotel Cumberland, Los Angeles. Mrs. Browning is auditor of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, chairman of the Credentials Committee for her district, which includes thirty-three towns, and corresponding secretary of her own club—the Christian Science—of which she is past president and auditor. Her self of social prominence she is being royally entertained during her three weeks' stay in Los Angeles.

ALAMEDA.

Mrs. L. G. Leonard, Press Chairman.

The new District Board held its initial meeting at Ebell Club House, Oakland, on May 22. After routine business had been transacted and some consideration given to the subject of district chairmen, an informal luncheon was enjoyed by the members as the guests of the new president, Mrs. W. E. Colby, of Berkeley.

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Country Life, Mrs. Frederick Crowell, 2967 Piedmont boulevard, Berkeley.

Vacation days form the programs of all of the clubs for July and August. The club year closed for many with festivities of various sorts, luncheons, picnics, etc. One of Oakland's many small clubs, the Alta Vista, enjoyed a trip to the summer home of one of its members at Corte Madera on May 29 and were entertained by Mrs. Mary Hart, official lecturer for the Alaska cruises of the steamship Spokane, who gave interesting descriptions and characteristic anecdotes of this wonderful country and its people. Much interest is felt locally in the beautiful new club house now in course of erection for the Twentieth Century Club of Berkeley, on Derby street, near College avenue. It is colonial in design, built of concrete with interior finishings of handsome woods, and will cost about \$20,000. It is expected that it will be ready for occupancy early in October.

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INTERNATIONAL PURITY CONGRESS

The following letter from the headquarters of the World's Purity Federation, at La Crosse, Wis., to the state president, C. F. W. C., is self-explanatory. It is the desire of The Clubwoman to direct special attention to it and to the notation appended:

My Dear Mrs. Orr:

In April we sent you circular matter relative to the seventh International Purity Congress which will convene in Minneapolis in November next, and especially requested your co-operation and held in making this great meeting a success and in securing delegates from the more prominent women's clubs of your state. We sincerely trust that you are planning not only to be present at the Congress yourself, but to secure as many delegates from California as possible. California ought to have no less than fifty delegates at this Congress.

We are very glad, indeed, to recognize the prompt response on the part of the state presidents of women's clubs and to note that the larger number of them will co-operate with us in the arrangements for the Congress and in our proposal to observe Sunday, November 9, as Purity Sunday. If you will send us a list of the presidents of your more prominent clubs in California I will be glad to write each one

a personal letter sending them printed matter relative to the Congress extending to the man invitation to send at least one delegate from each club. If there is anything further we can do from here to interest your women in the Congress we shall be very glad indeed, knowing that if the clubs are largely represented throughout your state that it will give an impetus and power to this special line of work that nothing else could do. Your own State Federation will be entitled to name two delegates to the Congress, and you may feel free to appoint more than this if you wish. Mrs. Pennybacker, as national president, has already named five delegates to represent the National Federation of Women's Clubs at the Congress. Will you not announce the Congress in your state paper?

Thanking you in advance for your anticipated help in this matter and hoping to receive word from you that you will co-operate, I am

Very sincerely yours,

B. S. Steadwell,
President.

The president of all California Federations will be glad to name two or more delegates to this Congress, and requests that any club woman expecting to attend will send her name.

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A FERTILE FIELD FOR ENDEAVOR

By Mrs. Calvin Hartwell
Vice-President-at-Large C. F. W. C.

A recent statement by a correspondent of the Los Angeles Times that the number of juvenile court cases has trebled in the last two years will apply to other localities and is one to challenge the attention of serious minded people.

The white slave traffic is increasing at a corresponding ratio in the face of all of the individual and organized effort in reformatory work.

Liquor and cigarette habits are gaining a hold upon the feminine portion of society and now the "elite," so-called, are adopting the sensual, lascivious dances of the underworld, increasing their deadly popularity. Women's style of dress grows more and more immodest.

Can we not see a correlation with the breaking away from the more effeminate amusements, and the adoption of the masculine-out-of-doors sports and style of riding? We must not forget the barrier-breaking automobiles and joy riding. Women can eliminate these contributory agencies if they will, and the first to receive attention should be the suggestive, vicious styles of dancing. Their effects are immediate and most dangerous. Second in importance is a more modest style of dress. These two elements of immorality banished from so-

ciety, there would be less use of liquor and the recruits to the white slave traffic greatly reduced in number.

In the work of the federated clubs are we gratifying our desire for "culture" at the expense of reformatory work? In our reformatory work do we really reach the young people where it is so badly needed? If we reach the young people is the work retarded by the examples of the older generation?

The work done by women's clubs, federated and unfederated, is marvelous; the need of work is astounding and the steady increase of delinquency and crime in spite of it all is appalling; appalling because in the present generation we see the potential parenthood of the next.

FOR WOMAN COMMISSIONER.

The following resolution, prepared by the state chairman of Civil Service Reform, has been signed by the president of the C. F. W. C. and sent to Governor Johnson:

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AM I REALLY MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?

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tively carried out, for it is needed as almost no other reform.

But I hear you ask: Would you convict all young men who ask honest women to marry them? No. But I say this—and conscious of the meaning of words and of the way words fly, and after many years of the confidences of the sick—that the infection of bridegrooms is sufficiently common to make it the duty of every man of them to concede the right of the woman and her parents to know that he is clean. And every worthy man of them has the courage to be willing to bring the proof and to bring it. Furthermore it is the duty of the bridegroom to bring the proof without being asked.

Men are led into sin occasionally by intent, more often by blunders, and more often still by pure foolishness, and this is an indictment against a large part of the human race. It is an indictment that holds especially against masculine youth. The girls may be as foolish as the boys, but they have a less harmful sort of folly. It is the young man just reaching the time of life when he has an ambition to know about the world who is in peril. Up to a certain point his fear, self-respect and caution protect him. Pray God they may always protect him. But a few highballs or a pint or more of beer

may easily weaken his caution, increase his sense of his own importance and make him reckless; then, if it is night, he may become like a prowling cat, ready for several sorts of adventure that he would not like to see illustrated by flash-light photographs the next day. The pity of such a case is that the youth may emerge from a single adventure handicapped for life. This is a terrible penalty, and one out of all proportion to the crime; it tries to fit the foolishness, but it never does, and it never can. Nothing can fit the case but a prayer—a prayer that may be commended to many men and some women who are much older than the stumbling boy—and the prayer is: "Lord, be merciful to me a fool."

DISTRICT PLANS FOR THE COMING YEAR.

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civics and education should aid greatly in rendering accessible to the people at large the work of the bureau.

We have had in conjunction with other districts and the state some very successful art conferences. These we hope to continue, enlarging the scope of their usefulness.

Our committee on club extension has already, even in vacation, got in touch with some unfederated clubs, whom they hope to bring into the fold. The addition of the department of literature makes us anxious to bring into our membership some of the so-called study clubs which have felt heretofore that the federation had nothing special to offer them.

We feel that we have an unusually strong list of district chairmen. Each one is enthusiastic over her subject, and we intend, as a board, to strengthen each department to bring the work up to the federation ideal.

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Mrs. Mary L. Cheney, State Chairman of Education, and her two little grandchildren

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EDITORIAL

Samuel Johnson once remarked between cups of tea—it must have been between about the eleventh and twelfth—that “teaching is the universal refuge of educated indigents.”

In time gone by it has been at least a partially justified indictment of our system of education that one of the principal ends of its higher branches appeared to be the perpetuation of its own narrow cycle. An inspection made a few years ago of alumni periodicals issued by about thirty institutions of collegiate rank—especially those whose students were drawn from the poorer classes—showed that more than half of the graduates immediately took to teaching as a means of livelihood after receiving their diplomas. Students of Latin and Greek sought places as teachers of Latin and Greek, students of mathematics taught mathematics, students of science taught science, and so on. A postcard poll of these impromptu instructors, made by a professor of pedagogy in the University of Chicago, seemed to indicate that Dr. Johnson's caustic comment carried with it a considerable element of truth. A notable percentage of those who answered admitted that they selected teaching as a means to bread and butter “because nothing better offered,” in the case of most of the women “as something to do until I marry” and—this answer was most frequent—“because my education better qualified me for teaching than anything else.” Comparatively few declared any particular liking or natural aptitude for teaching.

The last of the answers given seemed to the inquirer to carry the clue to the

situation and its concrete fruit was an unsparing attack upon a system which thus fed upon its own product without contributing to the world's visible assets through equipping that product with practical weapons for meeting a work day life on its own grasping basis. His rather unfair characterization of the situation was “the prostitution of the God-given gift of imparting knowledge to the mere pot-boiling uses of a horde of half-baked scholars.” Which is merely a paraphrase of the Johnsonian accusation without even its thin veneer of sugar.

Without the actual figures at hand it is safe to say that the last five years have witnessed an almost revolutionary change in this state of affairs. There is no education of learning in the country, to the writer's knowledge, which is not making ever greater concessions to an insatiable world's cry for men and women qualified by their education to step out of the lecture room into the hurly-burly, taking a real and useful part in its activities. The decline of the “classical education” beloved of the colleges and universities of two generations gone and the uprising in its stead of highly specialized courses of study which produce experts in every branch of learning is a symptom of the evolution of education under the forced draught of national need.

Nowhere in the great and complex educational scheme is this so manifest as in that part of the public schools which lies between the grades and the college. This is also by way of practical answer to an urgent call, for the intermediate and high schools have al-

ways been the real training ground of citizens in bulk. Beside the number of those whose scholastic moulding ends there the percentage of collegians is so small as to be nearly negligible.

In presenting the "Vocational Education Number" of *The Clubwoman* an effort has been made to indicate as clearly as space and time permit some of the more prominent phases of the new schooling and the part which the club women of California and of America have played and will play in its making.

The critics of the new way are still many—from the crusty proponent of "larnin'" limited to the three Rs to the equally narrow and similarly dwindling exponent of the old school of "mental discipline" through the inculcation by the cram-plan of difficult, impractical and swiftly forgotten lore. If there is anything to add to the penned expressions of the practical educators and educational leaders contained herein, it is that that which is good in the old way has been retained in the new and that the world's gain by it is net. The real teacher of today is more than a teacher—he is a practical business man as well.

EX-POST FACTO TENEMENTS.

When a tenement is not a tenement is a question which has occupied the attention of the California Supreme Court to a considerable extent of late and the decision is one which will weigh heavily in the making of future California cities. Incidentally it fits in with peculiar nicety with the fruits of the Federation campaign for sanitary provisions and building safety in congested municipal districts.

It is to be regretted that there seems to be no legal way of legislating out of existence the old-style interior room tenement, of which there are fortunately comparatively few examples in California cities. The next best thing is that which the Supreme Court has just emphatically declared—that no building coming within the definition of the law and constructed subsequent to the pas-

sage of the tenement house law in 1911 shall be occupied before the issuance of a certificate of health by the accredited authorities. The Stoltenberg case recalls with some vividness the rush on the part of certain builders to erect large numbers of inferior and unsanitary houses during the time in which the status of the law was uncertain. The fate of these mismade investments is not yet clear but, should they prove a total loss, the mourners will be limited to the owners.

The inability of municipal fortune-tellers to forecast with practicable accuracy what a city will be in twenty or even ten years has in time past been responsible for many mistakes in the moulding of potential centers of population. If California is able to maintain her no-slum record it will be through the efforts of those who inflexibly adhere to the simple rules of sanitation and sense in laying out the path of growth.

FOR AND BY THE PEOPLE.

On the 20th and 21st of August 250,000 business and professional men, artisans, day laborers and farmers put aside what they happened to be engaged upon and went out to make some good roads for Missouri. A large percentage of these men were unaccustomed to the use of pick and shovel; many of them had never done manual labor of any kind at any time. But Missouri needed the roads and on the first day over 200 miles of them were built. For the two days Gov. Major estimated that the work accomplished would have cost, if paid for, \$1,500,000.

After it was over a departmental clerk of Kansas City (Mo.), closed his blistered, aching fingers about a pencil and figured up that the same number of men working for the same length of time in a penal chain gang would have accomplished a little less than one-third as much as did these largely uncalloused citizens, though they of the ball and chain were inured to it by practice.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

The first public event of the federation will be the convention of the San Francisco district at Santa Rosa the last of October. Following that in November, the convention of the Southern district will meet in San Diego. This will be a fine opportunity to view the work of preparation for the exposition to be held in that city in 1915.

On the way south I shall be the guest of the Santa Barbara Woman's Club, and the Ebell of Long Beach. Recent visits to Suisun and Santa Rosa to

address clubs in these towns have been a great pleasure.

The club women of the state have been keenly interested in the recent "Woman's Edition" of the Riverside Enterprise, as evidence of the club woman's enterprise it was a journalistic feat not often equalled and rarely excelled. We trust that the commercial and industrial interests of Riverside county fully appreciated its advertising value. The Woman's Board of the Panama Pacific Exposition surely

did, as they have given wide circulation to the article covering their activities and future plans.

A meeting of the State Executive Board was called in August to consider the resignation of Mrs. Ella Westland as federation editor of *The Club Woman*. It is regrettable from every point of view, principally that the continued ill health of Mrs. Westland should demand it, and that one so well fitted to assume editorial duties should not be able to continue in work so greatly to her taste and ability, and so helpful to us. We had considered ourselves especially fortunate, as Mrs. Westland has an extensive acquaintance with the personnel of the federation to complement her thorough understanding of the purpose and the plans of work.

A budget of expenditures for the ensuing year was also presented to the Executive Board for their endorsement. This is estimated on the receipts for dues for the preceding year, and on a comparison of the expenses of each officer and chairman for the same time. It is with some pride that we ask club women to scan the report of the treasurer as printed in the Year Book. This, in detail, accounts for all receipts and expenditures, and only the small sum of \$15 was lumped as miscellaneous.

It requires economy of course, but primarily, an intelligent survey of the demands of each year to administer the funds of the federation to compass the greatest efficiency.

The Executive Board also requests the treasurer of the Local Biennial Board, Mrs. Emily Hoppin, in conformity with the action of the state convention to pay over the balance of the biennial fund to the state treasurer. The amount will somewhat exceed \$2,500, and will materially augment California's contribution to the endowment fund.

Two new clubs were admitted and welcomed to membership—the Muricata Reading Club of Pacific Grove, San Francisco district, and the Wom-

an's Club of Caminia, northern district. This makes a total of 351 clubs in good standing in the C. F. W. C., and a total membership of something near 28,000 club women.

Mrs. George W. McCoy has been appointed state chairman of the transportation committee, to arrange for special rates and special trains for the twelfth biennial at Chicago in June, 1914. Mrs. McCoy will present her plans at each district convention and through the columns of *The Club Woman*. She is leaving for a trip east, which will include Chicago, and there she will meet the officers of the local biennial board, and the chairman of transportation of the G. F. W. C. Doubtless California will send a large delegation and receive a cordial welcome.

We take great pleasure in the current Year Book, and the leaflet of practical suggestions. Each succeeding annual report is more comprehensive and of more value. This year's program offers varied yet direct help to study clubs; special attention is called to the foreward of the Department of Education which virtually includes literature, art and music. These outlines are designed to cover every need of every study club.

This number of *The Club Woman* will place before us the definite purpose of vocational education. When Mrs. O. Shepard Barnum reports on this subject at the 1914 biennial we hope she can truthfully say that California has made some real progress in vocational guidance and instruction, and that her club women are sympathetic and helpful.

It is sometimes profitable to "hark back," and find the source, the initial suggestion for any part of our present system, or methods. Mrs. Sarah S. Platt-Decker, in her first administration, felt the need of making the G. F. W. C. the center from which should radiate information and influence, which should reach to the smallest club. To this end she urged all state federations and individual clubs to or-

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CLUB WOMEN AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

By Mrs. Mary L. Cheney

State Chairman of Education

A great opportunity is offered to the club women of California. In less than two years we expect to entertain the whole world and his wife. Every effort is being made to show our visitors that we have the best material conditions obtainable, and that the energy and skill that might be expected of the descendants of the pioneers have been devoted to their development, with the result that California offers every physical advantage that homeseekers could demand. The women of California, being home makers themselves, know that this is not sufficient. It is to their interest to invite to a permanent enjoyment of our blessings not the visitors to whom the possibilities for money-making offer the strongest appeal, but those who will ask what California is doing to develop human efficiency, to train the rising generation for its responsibilities.

We realize that we were the last to occupy the frontier, where the rude struggle with nature gave our hardy forefathers valuable training. But the frontier has vanished, and our children must be prepared for a much more subtle struggle, in which human relationships are of the first importance. Our visitors have a right to ask how our children are being prepared for the battle with the slum, with prostitution, with special privilege, with graft and all forms of civic unrighteousness. And we have a special interest in finding the answer to that question.

Before this paper goes to press I trust that Governor Johnson will have announced the membership of the new State Board of Education, and one of the first duties of this board of seven will be the appointment of three experts, one to study elementary education, one secondary education, and a third to attack the problem of vocational education. We hope to be able to consult these experts before pro-

ceeding with the investigation which I wish to propose to you. But there is no question we need to know what our schools now offer before we can ask for any improvements in them. The plan in brief is for all of the clubs to unite in a survey of the schools as they are. Cards will be furnished to the district chairmen of education, and they will be asked to enlist enough clubs in each locality to cover the necessary work.

Since any investigation to be effective must have an objective point, shall we not take this new phrase "Vocational Education" as our touchstone? What we really want to know is whether our California schools promote human efficiency. What is human efficiency? Is it to be measured merely by earning power? Haven't all human beings at least two vocations? Haven't some women three, first that of citizen, then that of home maker, and then possibly that of bread-winner? In how far do the schools of our different cities and towns and our country districts provide training for these callings? Does this training really respond to a popular need, or is it copied from that given in some other place, which may have totally different needs? This is what the club women of California can learn by making a systematic survey, and the results can be placed at the disposal of our new experts in education, for their guidance in proposing changes in existing conditions, and I have no doubt that the education division of the Panama-Pacific Exposition, which, by the way, is the only division headed by a California man, will be glad to give them a place in the new Palace of Education which is now being built.

We shall endeavor not to make the investigation too exhaustive. The California branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae has undertaken a survey of San Francisco. A special committee will probably undertake to

investigate the colleges and universities. It may be best to confine the investigation to the public schools. In the country districts it will be simple enough, but in the large centers of population it should include, kindergartens, Montessori schools, elementary schools, intermediate schools, pre-vocational schools, trade schools, polytechnic and other high schools, and where such schools as the Lick Wilmerding and Lux schools exist, they should be investigated, if for no other purpose to show the possibilities of this kind of education. Then there are the parochial schools, the evening schools maintained by the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations and the business colleges and other private schools. Often these lead the way in new departures in education. Witness the courses provided in the mechanics of the automobile and in the aerial navigation by the Young Men's Christian Association.

Our chief aim should be to ascertain where different forms of industrial education already exist, what schools now provide for the teaching of agriculture, the household arts, the fine arts, music, sex hygiene, physical education,

economics, civics, history of commerce, as well as the so-called commercial branches, which are merely tools; how much of this work is prescribed and how much elective, how much of it is actually asked for by students, and followed effectively, and how it is adjusted to the work in English, history, mathematics, science, ancient and modern languages. The qualifications of the teachers employed is of the first importance, their general training as compared with that of other teachers in the school, and their technique. Vocational guidance is of course inseparable from vocational education. We should learn who decides and when that a child can not profit by further training and should go to work.

Wherever this investigation encroaches upon other lines of work undertaken by other committees of the federation, such as Mrs. Edson's Social Survey, or possible investigations of the Committee on Household Economics, we shall be glad to co-operate. One object of this preliminary announcement is to invite the frankest criticism and suggestions for improvement in the schedules before they are printed.

THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT FOR EDUCATION

By Mrs. O. Shepard Barnum

Chairman of Education, G. F. W. C.

The program and deliberations of the Patrons Department of the National Education Association, which met in Salt Lake City in July, are calculated to interest and aid every club woman who is trying to help the schools or solve educational problems in her own family.

By a new provision clubs or other organizations which maintain an education committee or department may take out an institutional membership in the N. E. A. This brings them many privileges and provides each year with copies of all committees reports—many of them reports of investigations on subjects of immediate educational im-

portance—as well as with the annual volume of proceedings. A file of these volumes is a store house of school information and program material for any club—a real mine of wealth for each incoming education chairman. The initial cost is only \$4 for the first year; \$2 for each year thereafter. Many public libraries have such institutional memberships and files.

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into affiliation with a sixth national organization, all for the sake of greater efficiency in helping schools and school children. The five national volunteer organizations are:

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The Council of Jewish Women.

The Association of Collegiate Alumnae.

The Southern Association of College Women.

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The purpose of the Patrons Department is to ascertain yearly from these educational authorities the greatest needs of the schools and the best methods of meeting them; to transmit this professional guidance systematically to the strong volunteer organizations mentioned in every state and city; thus to unify and stimulate co-operative work, until every school receives the active sympathetic support of every community.

To further this purpose throughout the year the department has standing committees and joint committees in each state, with members representative of each of the national affiliated organizations. It seeks also to organize Patrons or Home-and-School sections in state teachers' associations and to co-operate systematically with state school authorities.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs feels a motherly pride in this department of the N. E. A. because the plan was first urged in 1905 by the chairman of the Education Committee of the Federation, Miss Mary M. Ab-

bott. Under the administration of Mrs. Decker it progressed steadily and resulted in 1907 in a conference with other organizations and with the executive committee of the N. E. A. Later, in 1907, the department was authorized by the N. E. A. authorities, during the Los Angeles convention of that year, through the watchful care of Mrs. Decker and the active work of Mrs. Cowles. Mrs. Moore became the first secretary of the department and throughout her administration was its faithful friend and supporter. In the Federation Bulletin of June, 1907, and of August, 1911, will be found full and interesting accounts written by Mrs. Moore on its history. This year, the General Federation was represented at Salt Lake City by the chairman of the Education Department, with important results for the Federation education work which will be announced later. Best of all, the last letter from our president, Mrs. Pennybacker, gives assurance of the General Federation's continued and unfailing support. For the coming year she asks that club women try to bring about closer relations between the rural and the urban women. A sure bond of union is the problem of the school, especially the rural school.

President Fairchild of the N. E. A. has kindly promised to prepare for publication in the Federation Magazine suggestions of ways and means by which club women can help the rural school and the rural community.

Our committee on Social Hygiene in Normal School Curricula can report the best possible results, through the assistance of the N. E. A. It will be remembered that the G. F. W. C. at San Francisco passed the following resolution:

"Whereas, Our Education Department has been working for instruction in personal and sex hygiene in all Normal Schools, therefore be it

"Resolved, That we request the National Education Association to appoint a committee of experts to outline

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VOCATIONAL WORK IN OUR SCHOOLS

By John H. Francis

Superintendent of Los Angeles City Schools

The tendency of education in Los Angeles public schools is toward the vocational phases. Courses in both intermediate and high schools tend toward preparing the pupil for his life work.

In the intermediate schools, courses in commercial work and business practice are given, in some cases the practical business of the school being carried on through them; i. e., supplies for the woodshops and domestic science departments are ordered through the commercial department, the stenographers writing the letters, and the bookkeepers keeping account of the supplies and checking them off. Practical courses leading to the vocations of carpenter and cabinet maker are also given the boys, and practical house-keeping—home decoration, cooking, sewing, home sanitation, home accounting, nursing—is given the girls.

In the high schools the work is carried still further. Lincoln High, the new high school to be opened in September, plans to have its students in the commercial lines given practical work in such stores as care to give them employment for the experience which the work will give the pupils. Stenographers, bookkeepers, salesmen and clerks will thus get practical experience. In nearly all the high schools of the city, the business of the cafeterias is carried on through the business department, and at Manual Arts High School a savings bank has been established, with students as clerks and cashiers, where pupils may deposit their savings.

A printing plant has been installed at Manual Arts High and the school does all its own printing.

The surveying department of Polytechnic High school has performed the actual service of surveying the property of the school department and re-

porting to the Board of Education, and the architectural department has helped design some of the school buildings of the city.

At Gardena Agricultural High school the boys of the sloyd department built the sloyd shop, the dairy house and the lath houses, and the girls of the domestic science department prepare and serve the food of the school cafeteria. The ten acres of land are cultivated by the boys of the school. There is also a dairy run by them. Landscape gardening is a part of the agricultural course.

At San Pedro High school a boat-building department has been established, with a naval architect in charge, and the boys have built several boats. Here, too, the commerce of the sea is taught.

Model flats exist in most of the high schools, the furniture for which the boys make, while the girls care for the flats and make curtains and weave rugs for their decoration.

These are merely some of the incidental features illustrating the practical nature of the intermediate and high school work.

Engineering courses are given in all the larger high schools; also courses in architecture and surveying; in domestic economics, including home sanitation, nursing, interior decoration, cookery, dress design, and millinery. The arts courses include cover-design, illustrating, cartooning, and sketching from models and from nature; and among the crafts are leather work, jewelry-designing, weaving, etc. Classes in journalism exist in all high schools, the ones at Gardena Agricultural High and San Pedro High doing practical work on local papers.

A junior college course, consisting of two years beyond the high school, gives additional work in engineering, sur-

veying and architecture, besides other non-vocational subjects, such as modern languages.

A number of neighborhood schools have been established, which give courses in woodshop, weaving, basketry, laundry, cookery, millinery, sewing, and care of infants.

A school for chefs is in operation, with several boys taking the work.

One trade school for boys and girls is in operation at Macy Street school. Here girls are taught to be cooks, housemaids, dressmakers and milliners, and boys learn cabinet-making and carpentry. Metal and leather work are also given. It is hoped to add printing and plumbing to the courses within a short time. So far the work has been somewhat hampered by lack of funds.

A model cottage exists at the Utah

Street school, where there are many Russians and other foreigners, and here the girls learn correct home care. A school for pupils especially talented in drawing was established last year at Olive Street school, and to this come, on two afternoons a week, for special instruction, those pupils who have been specially recommended by their teachers. Trips to the country are taken by these classes in order to make sketches from nature, and models are supplied for their indoor sketching. Cartooning is also taught.

Among the plans for the future is that for a vocational school, where plumbing and gas-fitting, printing, brick-laying and carpentry will be taught boys, and girls be thoroughly prepared as milliners, dressmakers and nurses.

HOW CALIFORNIA CLUB WOMEN CAN HELP

By Susan M. Dorsey

Assistant Superintendent of Los Angeles Schools

I believe that the very best thing for clubwomen to do in studying the subject of vocational training is to investigate the conditions and possibilities, each in her own section. These are the things which a school located in a certain community needs to know for effective vocational work:

1. What are the occupations in that particular locality in which employment promising a living wage and suitable conditions can be secured? This point is most important. The data secured by the clubwomen will prove valuable to the different communities in many ways, even though their efforts do not always result in establishing vocational training in the local schools.

2. Will these occupations or any one of them afford employment to a sufficiently large number of young people to warrant the public schools of the vicinity in furnishing instruction in those occupations? Many times a certain general form of training, as

familiarity with tools and woods, will prepare in a very serviceable way for several different occupations.

3. Will the employees in the various occupations welcome young people who have received instruction and in some appreciable measure co-operate with the public schools by giving employment to their output and by sympathetic assistance in the way of suggestion and kindly, intelligent criticism and by making it possible for the public school apprentice to gain experience in the real shop, factory or store of his employer?

I shall be glad to answer questions or make further suggestions if these do not lead to a workable plan.

In connection with Mrs. Dorsey's practical suggestions, club workers are asked to notice the earnest request of the committee on vocational training and guidance of the Education Department of the General Federation, to the effect that local investigations

be undertaken and conducted somewhat at follows:

Learn the conditions in your own community, in your own city and county. Find out how many boys leave school at 14- How many girls? What grade have they completed? Why did they leave? What school opportunities might have induced them to remain? How many secure work? What kind? How long do they remain in a position? What wages do they secure? What actual, possible increase of wages is there between 14 and 18? What actual or possible increase of skill between 14 and 18? What are their surroundings as regards health? As regards morals?

How much or how little vocational education is now afforded in your public schools? Ask the president of your school board what industrial courses they would like to introduce,

if they had the funds. Ask local leaders in business, agriculture and varied industries the vocational opportunities that await boys and girls in their own city and county, if they were properly trained.

In every locality the club Education committee might co-operate with the committee on Industrial and Social Conditions. The indicated questions regarding vocational education will fit in exactly with the questions regarding social and industrial conditions, which Mrs. Charles Farwell Edson has prepared and urgently desires to have answered in every community. The two investigations could be carried on together, by the same woman or group of women. Correct information is indispensable for ultimate success in the work of both committees. Mrs. Edson's questions will appear in the next issue of *The Clubwoman*.

DISTRICT NEWS

SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT

By Mrs. Percy L. Shuman, President

Each year proclaims a distinctive advance over the preceding one. That is natural. Yet the significant sign of the present time gleams with an animation never before equaled. All this points to an unprecedented club year throughout the entire district. It is so everywhere. These are the days when the thoughts of the club leaders fly like a Marconi wireless and so what is only an idea in the embryo state becomes a full-fledged reality before the setting of the next sun.

The California Club opened for the season on Tuesday, September 2d, with Mrs. Alfred P. Black, the president, in the chair. During the summer vacation the club home on Clay street has been thoroughly renovated and garnished ready for the reception of her members. Plans are made for a busy year at this, the largest club in the district. In addition to the efficient work of the chairman of the civic committee, Mrs. Louis Hertz, many new projects are under way for definite ac-

tion. Mme. Emilia Tojetti, chairman of the educational department, has added a number of study sections. Among them may be named the literature section, the choral, dancing, players, whist and domestic science. Mrs. George T. Marsh of the Outdoor Art League, and Miss Margaret B. Curry, of the social science department, have planned many lines of work in their respective departments. The Sunday assemblies which were made so great a factor in the city's best social movements, promise to add new luster to the honor of those who have promulgated this plan.

One of the San Francisco clubs where new ideas thrive in abundance is found in the Corona Club. Mrs. Harold Laurence Seager, the newly elected president, enters upon her duties with a pronounced accuracy as to the detail work of every committee. One interesting departure in this club will be the introduction of a literary department for the young folks of the club. The books for young boys and girls will be read with the children themselves and on particular days a

program will be devoted entirely to such books with the sons and daughters of the members participating.

During the winter, beginning with October 1, four Art Conferences will be given in the San Francisco district. The first one will be held in San Francisco in which the early Christian art will be presented with Mrs. Rose Berry as lecturer. Mrs. R. S. Holway, chairman of Art, Alameda district, will direct one of the conferences to be held in one of the bay cities. Miss Bunker of the Oakland High School, another art leader, will have charge of an interesting course of art study in which the early art influences will be considered. Mrs. Sophie Peart will devote her part at one of the conferences to the different conceptions of the sculptors. Much enthusiasm is already aroused over the plan of the art leaders as the education in art presents itself as vitally essential in the preparation of the young of our cities who will have an opportunity during the exposition of acquainting themselves with the masterpieces of the world.

During the summer vacation the Vittoria Colonna Club was responsible for the maintenance of a vacation school for the little girls who could not have a "go-away" vacation. This school was in session four times a week and during school hours sewing, singing and housekeeping were taught. More than fifty girls between the ages of six and twelve attended the courses and at the close of the term they were invited to a party given by Mrs. Storti, one of the directors of the school. Each of these little guests wore a suit of "koverall" which she had made at this vacation school. Miss Zabaldano, Miss Devincenzi and Mrs. G. Grandi were the supervisors of the school.

To Kalon Club of which Mrs. Geo. H. Mullin is the president, celebrates Admission Day with a program devoted exclusively to California subjects. "Our California" is the theme presented by Mrs. Alison Watt, grand president of the Native Daughters of the Golden West. Mrs. May C. Bolde- man, vice-president, is hostess of the



MRS. ROSE V. S. BERRY

day. Mrs. Norman Martin, chairman of the program committee, is responsible for this day when club and Native Daughters unite in the observance of our admission to the state. Mrs. Richard Rees, one of the sweetest California singers, sang a group of songs written by California composers.

The Papyrus Club of which Mrs. Kathleen Byrne is president, is actively inaugurating new sections in their club. A domestic science section with Mrs. Daniel J. Patterson at the head, will be one of the distinctive features of the club work during the year. Classical dancing and dramatic work will also accord avenues for expression for the talented members.

The first general meeting of the Presidents' Assembly, which already numbers over eighty, will be held in September, when a "Gavel Luncheon" will be given, the insignia of office

playing a conspicuous part in the program of the day. The officers of the Presidents' Assembly are: President, Miss Christine Hart; first vice-president, Mrs. J. D. Jessup, past president of the Corona Club; second vice-president, Mrs. Edward H. Coleman, past president of the Papyrus Club; third vice-president, Dr. Marian Bertola, president of Vittoria Colonna Club; recording secretary, Mrs. George W. Mullin, president of To Kalon; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Norman Martin, past president of the Pacific Coast Women's Press Association; treasurer, Miss Grace Unger, past president Mills Club; directors, Mrs. I. Lowenberg, president Pacific Coast Women's Press Association; Mrs. Henry Sahlein, past president Philomath; Mrs. A. P. Black, president of the California Club; Mrs. Henry Payot, past president Pioneer Women; historian, Miss Jennie Partridge, past president of the New England Colony of Women. Committee on membership, Mrs. E. G. Denniston, past president of To Kalon, Corona, Forum and the biennial committee; Miss Adela Dugan, past president Cap and Bells Club; Mrs. John H. Robertson, past president of the Sorosis Club; credential committee, Mrs. E. G. Grunsky, past president Sorosis; Mrs. F. H. Jones, past president Clonian; Mrs. J. S. A. MacDonald, president Dorian Club.

On September 9 the club women of Eureka dedicated a large marble cross as a landmark on Trinidad Point. The program includes an original ode, an address by Mrs. Percy L. Shuman, president of the district, music and the formal presentation of the cross to the county and its acceptance by the board of supervisors.

NORTHERN DISTRICT

By Mrs. A. F. Jones, President

The Northern district board held its initial meeting at the Tuesday Club house, Sacramento, June 14. Dr. Werner Hegemann, the eminent German civic expert, was the guest of honor. Dr. Hegemann has come to America to study the civic conditions of our cit-

ies. He gave a brief talk on the needs of the small city, sewage, wells, fertilization, the paving of streets, etc. He emphasized the fact that each community must work out its own salvation in the making of the "city beautiful." To do this, he said, means the taking advantage of its surroundings and its natural resources; not by blind imitation of what some other city or community had done.

After the transaction of routine business a reception was tendered the members of the executive board and their guests by the president, Mrs. W. H. Prouty, and members of the Tuesday Club.

The twelfth Annual District Convention will be held at Woodland, Yolo county, March 31, April 1 and 2, 1914. Education will be a prominent feature of the convention work. A district directory has been compiled and distributed. This will prove a valuable help to the club women of this district.

We are proud to note that Mrs. George McCoy, past president of this district, has been appointed state chairman of transportation for the next Biennial. Mrs. McCoy has great administrative ability and is an untiring worker for Federation. She will go to Chicago this fall to confer with the local biennial board of that city in regard to special rates and special trains.

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT

By Mrs. W. C. Mushet, President

A notable honor to the Los Angeles district and to clubwomen at large lies in the appointment by Governor Johnson on August 29 of Mrs. O. Shepard Barnum, of Alhambra, as a member of the reorganized State Board of Education. As chairman of the Department of Education of the general federation of women's clubs and long active in the interests of state and national education, Mrs. Barnum will represent the clubwomen and their federated aims as could no other appointee. In itself the appointment may be fairly considered

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AGRICULTURE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

By Clayton F. Palmer

Supervisor of Agriculture in Los Angeles City Schools

Those who claim to be able to read the hand-writing on the wall agree that there is an increasing demand for a more efficient system of education. Moreover, that efficiency is understood to mean a better preparation for citizenship. The first test of this is that the individual shall be capable of honest self-support. Everywhere society is insisting of the graduates of our educational institutions, "Be not simply good, be good for something." Hence it comes that much attention is now being given to vocational guidance and training.

Agriculture will always be depended upon to furnish us with food, clothing and shelter. It is "the mother of all industries," and as such must be jealously guarded as long as the race inhabits the earth. We do well to keep in mind the fact that the status of ag-

riculture determines the welfare of the country, and no class of people which is in spirit alien and un-American can be trusted to control any considerable portion of our agricultural industries.

Agriculture has a right to a much more prominent place in our public school system and who shall say that it is less important that agriculture be taught in the city school than in the country school? But the fact is there are only a few of the cities of the United States which have as yet organized classes in this subject. The country districts can make a very creditable showing in this matter.

A little over a year ago the school gardening movement, which had been carried on in the Los Angeles schools for several years, in a somewhat unorganized way, was placed in charge of a newly-created department of agricul-

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ture. It consists of a supervisor and four assistants—three men and two women. Each assistant is assigned the schools in a definite portion of the city. We have recognized it as a fact that agriculture will not succeed if forced into the school. Hence we have devoted our time to the development of the work in such schools as expressed a special desire for assistance in agriculture, planning the work according to the local conditions. The growth has thus been logical and natural, and we have many more calls for help than we can properly respond to.

One of our most serious handicaps is untrained teachers. We recommend strongly that gardening be assigned only to those teachers who show a willingness to conduct it, and an aptitude for it. After-school classes are held regularly to instruct teachers, and it is likely that this plan will continue indefinitely. We also send out circulars of information from time to time. It seems wiser for a school to so plan its schedule that one or at most a few classes be permitted to do gardening, under the most competent teacher of the subject, arrangement being made if possible so that she may be relieved from some of the regular work.

We are solving the problem of securing enough land for our school gardens through the use of vacant lots contiguous to or near any of the schools not having ground of their own sufficient for the purpose. No rent is paid in any case, and last year we used about forty of these lots. Where it seems advisable, the Board of Education pays for fencing them, plowing and piping water to them, reserving the right to remove from these lots any improvements it places upon them.

During the past year, gardening has been done to a considerable extent in about sixty schools, and several others are doing a little work along the edges and in corners. We have also taken up the problem of improving the school grounds by planting trees, shrubs, perennial flowers, etc.

Where a school is making its first

experiments with a garden, it is suggested, other things being equal, that the fourth or fifth grades be given the preference. It is better to introduce the work gradually, these grades have proven as easy as any to handle in this work, and especially the under grades may receive much benefit by taking frequent trips into the garden with their teacher who has visited it beforehand to determine how best to take up her pupils' time on the trip. But there are plenty of phases of agriculture that are adaptable to all grades; the problems confronting us are rather those of land, trained teachers, time for the work, and equipment. In some schools, it works well to assign different phases of work to different grades, the pupils working large plots on the community plan. In such cases, it is well to organize the work in such a way as to contribute to the value of some of the other subjects in the curriculum. There is probably no other subject that has as many points of tangency with our school curriculum as has agriculture, taught on a broad scale. Any live teacher can find plenty of points of common interest between agriculture and art, arithmetic, language, spelling, geography, drawing, manual training, domestic science, etc. We hope to make our agriculture work in the Los Angeles schools serve these other subjects, and plan to correlate them much more efficiently this coming year.

Home gardening, of one form and another, is a logical outcome of the school garden. If this does not result from the latter, there is something radically wrong. During the past year, Los Angeles has afforded more or less gardening experience to over 25,000 pupils, and more than 15,000 of these have interested themselves in home gardening. If the schools could interest themselves more in this form of extension work, great good would most certainly result. There is no reason why the agriculturally inclined among our boys and girls should not become producers supplying private customers or helping to supply our municipal markets with fresh produce.

A QUESTION OF LATITUDE?

Quite recently a woman was arrested on the streets of Los Angeles and haled into the police court because she made audible and unfavorable criticisms of the ultra fashionable gowns worn by two young girls. Still later a man was arrested and fined in the same city for following a woman wearing a diaphanous—the so-called shadow skirt. The man's wife was in court and openly laid the blame upon the other woman. The magistrate took the ground that a woman had a right to wear what she pleased.

At Porterville, in the San Joaquin valley, the city authorities, less certain of their ground, declared themselves incompetent to pass upon the decency of the first transparent skirt which appeared on the streets. They declined to arrest anyone, suggesting that those objecting to the "creation" need not look.

Going still farther north, Mayor Albee, of Portland, Ore., has issued or-

ders to the police to arrest any woman wearing a transparent skirt in public—or any woman garbed in sheath or slit skirts of the pronounced type.

Finally, at North Yakima, Wash., school girls have been forbidden to wear slit skirts, Balkan blouses or even short-sleeved waists on the school grounds, in the class rooms or at any social functions, on penalty of expulsion.

From all of which it might appear that it is a matter of latitude. If one inclined to fine-spun theories he might argue that the warmer blooded, Latin-tinted, semi-tropical south is less careful of the proprieties than the colder climes. As a matter of fact whatever small influence latitude may have on the matter is probably exerted in the direction of making civic authorities more lazily tolerant of the extremes of fool fashion followers than elsewhere. There is a good deal of mistaken chivalry loose in the land.

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DOMESTIC SCIENCE

Janet Baker, Teacher.

Domestic science in the Utah-Street school is taught in a very novel way. The model cottage consists of a bedroom, living and dining room, kitchen, pantry, bath, front porch, and screen room across the back. In the morning the teachers leave the dishes unwashed, the beds unmade, the sweeping and dusting undone. The girls from the third and fourth grades go to the cottage from 9 to 10:30 o'clock and, under the direction of a teacher, clean the house. Every room is swept and dusted, beds made, dishes washed, towels and aprons washed, then come the various other duties of a regular housekeeper, as cleaning of pantry shelves and drawers, window washing, ironing, and so on down the list.

From 10:45 to 12 o'clock the girls from the fifth, sixth and B-seventh grades go to the cottage and have a practical lesson in cooking. They get lunch for twelve teachers. Two of the girls always stay to serve. They take turns in staying, so that they all learn how to serve correctly. In getting the meal, the cost is figured and as much theory work in cooking is given as there is time for. The meals prepared are the same as those served in the

teachers' lunch room in the main school building.

In the afternoon from 1 to 3 o'clock these girls come for their lesson in housework. They pick up and wash the dishes, sweep and dust the dining room, bring in the morning's washing, fold and put away towels, scrub the kitchen and screen porch floors. Usually this work is finished by 2 o'clock and the last hour is then spent in cooking. Some days a dessert is made for the teachers' lunch the next day, other days a lesson in cooking is given and the girls eat the result. They like very much to make cake, biscuit, puddings and candy.

Each girl in the fifth, sixth and B-seventh grades goes once a week for cooking, and every other week for housework, the other week she sews. The girls in the third and fourth grades go once in two weeks for housework and once to sewing. They haven't any lesson in cooking unless they get through their housework early, then some cooking is done.

I think the girls see the advantages of our methods and it is our hope that in another generation they will become quite Americanized. As it is, the work is very much worth while and enjoyed by the children.

LEARNING TO SEW.

Emma L. Ritner, Teacher.

Utah-Street sewing classes consist of 225 girls from third grade to seventh-B, including ungraded room. Classes alternate with housework, making sewing lesson once in two weeks. There are two sewing classes a day. The sewing room has two machines and two cupboards, besides one with glass front, in which is kept an exhibit of the children's work and models for their inspiration.

Children are urged to have all buttons and buttonholes in working order and marked accordingly. No regular course is followed in sewing, after the first few terms. Articles needed by

the child may be made at her request, if the teacher believes she has sufficient ability, and often she is allowed to attempt more difficult articles and learn by her mistakes.

Among the articles made from September to Christmas are white handkerchiefs, hemmed and made into baby bonnets, bags, cooking aprons, underwear, cross-stitch canvas needle books, cross-stitch handkerchief holders, dolls' tufted cheesecloth comfort, dolls' flannel blankets, burlap slipper cases, baby clothes, and middy blouses.



MRS. PERCY L. SHUMAN
President San Francisco District

CALL FOR THE TWELFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT, C. F. W. C.

The twelfth annual convention of the San Francisco district will be held in Santa Rosa October 29th, 30th and 31st, 1913.

Through the courtesy of the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce, and the local women's clubs, the sessions will be held in the auditorium of Odd Fellows' hall, and will be open to the public.

The convention will be called to order promptly at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning, with a presidents' and delegates' joint council. A full representation of all clubs is requested on account of the very interesting topics to be discussed, which are as follows: (1) A Discussion of the Redistricting Plan, Proposed by the Recent State Redistricting Committee; (2) Discussion of Capital Punishment; (3) Immigration; (4) High Cost of Living.

In accordance with the notice which has been previously forwarded, the dues of five cents per capita must be sent to the treasurer of the district, Mrs. Henry A. Hansen, Fortuna, Cal., before your club credentials are forwarded. Credential cards must be presented in person to the Credentials committee, duly signed by president and secretary of club, on immediate arrival at convention. The Credentials committee will adopt the method used by the General Federation of Women's Clubs and also used at the recent state convention, requiring presidents of clubs to send names of delegates and alternates direct to the chairman of the Credentials committee, Mrs. Henry Hansen, Fortuna, Humboldt county, Cal. The duties of the corresponding secretary both before and at the convention are too numerous to impose upon her the verification of credential lists.

Clubs having a membership of one hundred shall be entitled to a president and three delegates or alternates, and one additional delegate or alternate for

every additional hundred members.

Hotels Occidental and Overton give special rates both American and European plan. Railroads give one and one-third rates from all parts of the state, on receipt certificate plan, with ticket limit to November 5th, unless the regular fare is \$10 or more, when a fourteen day limit is extended. Tickets sold by Southern Pacific, California Northwestern, Santa Fe and Western Pacific railroads.

An excellent program is prepared and presidents are cordially asked to bring to this convention a full representation of club members.

The women's local board of the hostess city, in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce, are planning many pleasures and auto rides surrounding the attractive region of Santa Rosa. They are carefully considering the comfort and convenience of all guests.

All resolutions must be sent to the chairman of Resolution committee, Mrs. A. A. Fowler, 77 South Seventeenth street, San Jose.

By order of the Executive Board.

Mrs. Percy L. Shuman,

President.

FOREWORD.

By Mrs. Percy L. Shuman,
President San Francisco District,
C. F. W. C.

The twelfth annual convention brings with it a joyful note of reunion and expectancy of pleasure in the welcome that is being prepared for us by the hostess city, Santa Rosa.

In our district convention we reap the harvest that has developed from district county councils, reciprocity days, department conferences and round table talks of the past year.

It is the one occasion of the club year when the presidents have an opportunity to give a three-minute his-

tory of the year's activities in their separate clubs, and when the district chairmen make their annual reports. It is the spirit of give and take, and the desire for development in all directions, that inspires this annual reunion.

We will be particularly favored by the presence of our state president, Mrs. James W. Orr, who is at the same time one of our district members, who, as well as several of the state chairmen, will speak upon interesting subjects of club life.

Right here it is proper to call the attention of clubs which are not blessed with their own club house to the fact that they may, by the adoption of portable bulletin boards (the custody of which should be in the secretary of the club), not only preserve, but bring to the notice of their club members, all the leaflets and other important notices sent out by the state and district department chairmen, that, under present conditions, are seen and read by only a very few, while if these messages to the clubs can be displayed at every meeting of the club, tacked upon the bulletin board, then every member will have an opportunity to read them. The importance of the portable bulletin board will be emphasized at our district county councils in the future, to the end that the leaflets may receive the attention they deserve in the development of good club work.

A program of unusual interest is being prepared and visitors will find in attending these sessions the spirit of earnest activity in all movements, and a desire for light upon the phases of true living.

It is expected that each club president will impress upon her club members the importance of contributing by their presence toward making the district convention a reunion of true fellowship and co-operation, thereby stimulating the efficiency of our federation.

A hearty welcome awaits all in Santa Rosa, October 29th, 30th and 31st, 1913.

SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT OFFICIALS.

For the convenience of those requiring the information in preparation for the San Francisco district convention the following district roster is printed:

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FEDERATION HYMN CONTEST TIME EXTENDED.

By Clara D. Maxwell,

Chairman of Music, G. F. W. C.

The Music department of the General Federation of Women's Clubs regrets to report that but twenty-two manuscripts of verses were submitted in the prize contest for a federation hymn.

The committee appointed to decide the contest consisted of Mrs. Alice Williams Brotherton, a writer of note, but not a contributor, Miss Mary C. Gallagher and Mrs. McLean Blair, both former presidents of the Cincinnati Woman's club. These efficient judges decided that four qualities were necessary for adoption of any hymn, viz:

First: High thought fitted to the theme.

Second: Perfect metre.

Third: Suitable words.

Fourth: Dignity.

The committee unanimously agreed that none of the compositions have all these essentials for a great choral for convention use. The Department of Music will hold the contest open until such verses are submitted as may be suitable, unwilling to believe that among the one million members of the General Federation Women's club there are but twenty-two members interested in producing a federation hymn.

PRACTICAL EDUCATION FOR FOREIGN CHILDREN.

The following contributions are made by a group of teachers associated with one of the Los Angeles city schools in which there are practically no Americans. The manner in which this educational problem is met is one of great interest to those whose tasks lie in the direction of Americanizing our foreign element:

THE UTAH-STREET SCHOOL.

By Anna D. Clark.

The Utah-Street school has at present about nine hundred children in all

grades, from the nursery to the seventh grade. You can easily imagine that during the recess they run about the playground as lively as ants. Swinging, seesawing, climbing like nimble monkeys up the chutes and sliding down, circling the maypole, winning cheers on the baseball diamond, the girls playing basketball and the little fellows marbles. The playground is quite large, covering fully a quarter of a block and bordered by school gardens.

The nursery this year has a new outfit, consisting of a large playroom, bedroom with cribs, and kitchen, a fenced-in yard with sand pile, fascinating little pavilion to shade the babies, tiny swings wherein they can be safely fastened, and a young woman in charge who is a nurse.

Then there is the kindergarten of one hundred and thirty children, also in a separate bungalow of four rooms, with a little yard and little swings and seesaws.

There is nothing so very distinctive about the grade work, it goes on about as in other schools. There is a difference, but it is hard to say in what it consists, unless in a greater freedom and community spirit, and much, oh, very much interpreting, both in Russian and Mexican, especially in the lower grades. My class is all Russian and there is a B-1 class of Mexicans only, which simplifies the interpreting.

Two bungalows in the yard are used for ungraded work and these are crowded all the time with those "come from Rooshia" or Mexico. We have a teacher in charge of the Manual Arts work in the lower grades and the older boys go to another school for sloyd. One teacher is doing Batavia work, a new departure this year.

The model cottage was designed by the superintendent to show the foreign girls how Americans live; and to carry out that idea in the most practical and, in fact, the only complete way, he asked two teachers to live in the cottage. The plan has been a great

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DEPARTMENT OF UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Miss Nadine Crump, secretary of the Bureau of Public Discussion, University Extension Division, University of California, Berkeley, sends a request which is seconded by the state president, C. F. W. C., that each of the federated clubs shall send to her its printed program in order that the bureau may become familiar with the needs and activities of the clubs. The province and promise of the Extension Division is set forth in the leaflet of "Practical Suggestions," now in the hands of the club presidents, and in the division bulletins, mailed free to all who ask.

The bureau will shortly have prepared briefs of argument and outlines of subjects of general interest, available on request. The reference collection will also be ready shortly. The state library is co-operating and it is

the desire of the division that the federated clubs shall do likewise through supplying duplicates of programs, bibliographies, etc. It further asks that clubs or individuals send to it at its own expense any magazines or pamphlets which they may have and can spare, for use in making up the reference collection. This collection will be found of great value to clubwomen in the preparation of papers and addresses and co-operation will be of large mutual benefit.

The Extension Division also announces courses of six or twelve lectures on any selected topic to be given at the actual cost to the university. Near-by clubs are offered a course of fifteen lessons for the nominal fee of \$5, or correspondence courses may be arranged for. Particulars may be had from the director of the division.

A PROPOSED RAID ON THE MERIT SYSTEM

In response to the following appeal to the clubwomen of the General Federation from Mrs. Imogen B. Oakley, chairman of Civil Service Reform, telegrams of protest have been sent by the California Federation to Senator Simmons and to Senator Perkins, of California:

The Simmons-Underwood tariff bill as reported to the senate provides for the employment for a period of two years of a large force of agents, inspectors, deputy collectors, etc., who are to be appointed without civil service examinations. This provision is under Amendment 0 appropriating \$1,200,000 for salaries and supplies required to enforce the income tax act.

The report of the committee on finance does not give any reasons why this large force should be appointed outside the civil service law. Under the orderly procedure established by the civil service law and rules these places would be filled promptly and easily without favoritism from the ample lists from which the civil service commission stands ready at any time

to make the necessary certifications. The same scheme was tried fifteen years ago, when on the plea of emergency arising out of the war with Spain a large number of appointments outside the civil service law were authorized by an act of congress. That experiment resulted in a force of acknowledged inferiority to that of the regular civil service employees.

If the proposed amendment to the tariff bill becomes law, congress could continue the appointment of the political employes by further legislation at the end of the two-year period and senators and representatives would be importuned by the force so appointed to grant an extension of employment or transfer to the classified service.

To prevent this spoils raid you are urged to write or telegraph without delay to the senators from your state and to any member of the senate committee on finance who may be personally known to you. If none is known, please send your protest to the chairman, Hon. F. McL. Simmons, United States Senate, Washington.

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ganize their committees in harmony with those of the G. F. W. C. that there might come to pass a continuity of effort and achievement. The results have justified her judgment. The state federations are for the most part advised by the national organization. California, especially, presents for the consideration and co-operation of the club women the totality of federation work. However, direct emphasis is laid upon certain subjects each year, as demand requires, hence the department of education in our own state lays special stress upon the subject of vocational education. MRS. JAMES W ORR.

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Music—Mrs. John G. Jury, 642 Second street, San Jose.

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State University Club House Fund—Miss Mabel L. Pierce, 1000 Chestnut street, San Francisco.

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success; the teachers are supposed to keep their things, their pictures, house-keeping, even hang their clothes, as near to an ideal way as possible, so that the girls will not observe anything they must unlearn in the class. The cottage is nicely and tastefully furnished, and what pride the little girls take in caring for it! It is in charge of one of the two domestic science teachers, and the girls are taught cooking, as well as all kinds of housework.

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an adequate normal course on this subject."

This committee was authorized by resolution of the Council of Education of the N. E. A. meeting in Philadelphia, in connection with which we owe heartiest thanks to Miss L. D. Gill and Mrs. L. L. Blankenburg.

The committee was authorized "To devise ways and means by which the subject of Sex Hygiene education shall be fitted into the curriculum of the Normal Schools in order to equip teachers for the wise later treatment of the problem in the grades."

This committee has been appointed by the president of the N. E. A., with Mr. William B. Owen as chairman. Mrs. W. W. Barry is a member representing the G. F. W. C., and Mrs. William S. Hefferan representing the School Patrons. Personal conferences have been possible with the chairman and some members of this committee and plans are most promising. Mr. Owen has kindly consented to prepare for publication in the Federation Magazine in the near future the plan of work of this committee. The results will be practical and far reaching; surely most gratifying for those of our department who have been concentrating on this problem for the last three years, notably Mrs. Barry.

The new and urgent problems in education especially concern the home and the community. Thus the need of community co-operation with the schools is growing very rapidly, with the necessary growth of playground,

health, vocational, and other school reforms. On the other hand, the help of volunteer agencies in the past has been spasmodic and at times ill-advised. Enthusiastic agitation for some phase of betterment may lead to nothing more, or to undertakings left in a distressingly unfinished state. The tendency of each new group of officers or committee workers is to disregard a former project and start another and different one. School people say, justly, that this intermittent effort does more harm than good. Community co-operation to be satisfactory must be systematic, steady, and guided by professional standards. A permanent "program of work" should engross a succession of volunteer workers until it is actually accomplished.

There is then, on the one hand, the great need of community co-operation with the schools; on the other, the great difficulty in making such co-operation effective. The Patrons' Department was organized with the distinct and definite hope of helping to solve this problem. It seeks to enlist the interest and efforts of the large existing organizations; to concentrate their educational plans on one project at a time; to encourage continuity in a progressive program of work, although there must be frequent change of workers; to prevent overlapping and interference; to obtain first and last the good advice and sympathy of teachers and school authorities; in a word, it seeks real efficiency, the embodiment of the great ideals of unity, persistence, and expert guidance in volunteer educational work.

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a notable victory for the cause of vocational education in the schools, of which Mrs. Barnum is an earnest and able advocate:

So many women's clubs are building or contemplating the erection of club houses of their own that it would seem to be almost an inducement for some clever woman to enter the architectural field and specialize in the designing of women's clubhouses.

Work is progressing on the new home of the Santa Monica Bay Woman's club, which is to be erected at the corner of Fourth street and Nevada avenue, Santa Monica, and to cost in the neighborhood of \$13,000. The building is to have an auditorium seating 1000, reception room, dining room and card rooms.

Work is progressing on the new home of the Boyle Heights Entre Nous club. The members are planning to hold a bazaar in October and in other ways to add to the building fund.

The Hollywood Woman's club, with a membership of 300, has just announced the purchase of a fine site just opposite the Hollywood hotel, on which it is proposed to build within the year. Already the members are busy planning ways and means to add to the building fund. Several sections are to be formed and each section is to choose its own method of raising funds.

Considerable good-natured rivalry is anticipated and the result is sure to be a gratifying amount in the treasury.

The College Woman's club hopes soon to announce plans for a home of its own.

Mrs. M. E. Johnson, one of Los Angeles' cleverest clubwomen, is the author of a play entitled "An Afternoon at the Club," which appears in the August number of *The Society Magazine*. It is a brilliant satire on club life and Mrs. Johnson has an offer under consideration for the professional use of her playlet.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

By Mrs. Lillian Pray Palmer, President

The first Southern district executive

board meeting and president's council for the year was held at the home of Mrs. R. B. Vaile in El Centro. In spite of the warm weather there was a good attendance, and the splendid reports from nearly all of the district chairmen gave evidence of the life and interest of the district. It is worthy of special mention that Mrs. George Butler, chairman of club extension, came from San Diego by auto to attend this meeting, and reported two new clubs admitted to the state and district federation and several new clubs organized.

July 31st an executive board meeting and presidents' council was held at the Grand hotel in San Diego, followed by a luncheon in the grill. This meeting was well attended and the reports and plans considered were encouraging and helpful. Definite arrangements for the annual district convention were begun and many other important matters discussed. The luncheon proved a most sociable and happy feature.

The C. F. W. C. will welcome into the federation two new Southern district clubs at the next executive board meeting—the El Cajon Wednesday club and The Civic Center of San Diego. These clubs will add to the strength of the federation something over one hundred members.

The work of Mrs. J. W. Brem, the corresponding secretary of the Southern district, has received special appreciation from the state corresponding secretary, Mrs. Briggs, as the Southern district data was the first received for the Year Book and was most beautifully prepared and positively correct to date.

Mrs. Lillian Pray Palmer, president of the Southern district, who has been residing in Imperial county since early last spring, is spending the summer in her San Diego home. Mrs. Palmer reports the clubs of Imperial county in a flourishing condition, enthusiastic and progressive, keenly alive to the advantages of co-operation in department work of the federation.

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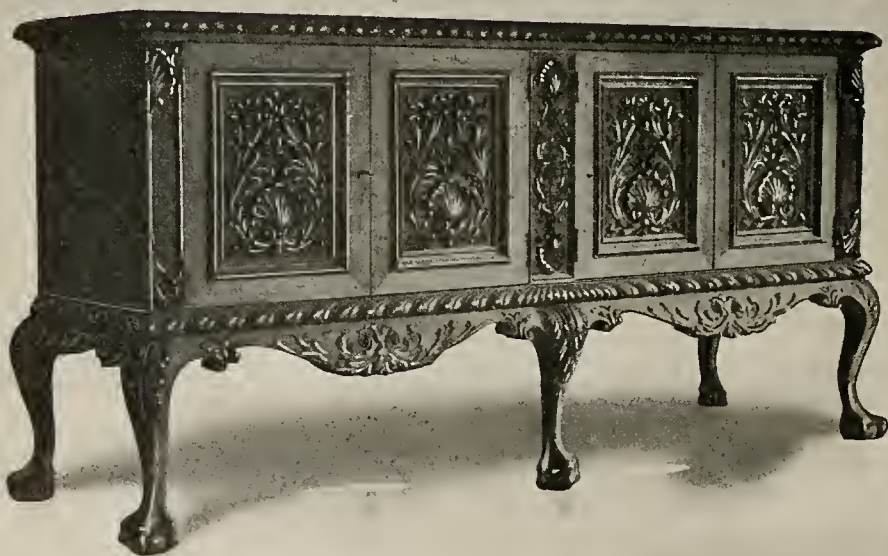
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EDITORIAL

So long as the proof of the pudding remains in the eating of it the efforts of any individual or group of individuals in any direction whatever will be judged in the long run not by their sincerity or their vigor but simply and solely by the results which they accomplish. By way of making that standard still more difficult and exacting, the results must be of a visible, practical and permanent nature, for only as they are lasting and beneficial to the people at large will their animus be remembered and appreciated. There is such a thing as setting one's target so high that the best-aimed and most powerfully-propelled shots fall short of it and the net gain is only the somewhat tenuous one of experience.

But by far the more common cause of failure in a task undertaken is an absence of exact information as to the precise end to be accomplished and the most direct means by which it is to be attained. An intimate knowledge of one's bricks and mortar is as essential as is a clear and definite pre-vision of the completed structure. Without both of them the effort is apt to degenerate into the emission of glittering generalities, forgotten almost as soon as spoken.

There is no wider field in woman's endeavor than is included by that department denominated Civics and Political Science, to which this number of The Clubwoman is particularly devoted. Nor is there any field in which conservation of effort through exact and exhaustive knowledge of what to do and how to do it is more requisite. Says the theorist: Our cities are dirty, physically and morally; their machin-

ery is clogged with the rust of inefficiency and the cobblestones of graft—let us therefore get after those responsible with a sharp stick. Whereat he evolves a scathing screed in which his absence of knowledge of the real trouble and the real remedy is covered up by a succession of skilfully renovated platitudes, a muck-raking magazine prints it, there is a little indignant comment here and there—and there it ends.

The other way is that which Mrs. Bradford Woodbridge, state chairman of Civics, Mrs. Charles Farwell Edson, state chairman of Industrial and Social Conditions, Mrs. Emily S. Karns, state chairman of Civil Service Reform, and others point out in this issue of The Clubwoman. For a country carpenter to try to build a palace of Kubla Khan would be no more hopeless task than for a woman's club to essay stable civic reform on other than these basic principles which are, after all, nothing more than the fruits of patient study of the work to be done, the obstacles to be met and the tools available for the purpose. It is as important, for example, to know what the opponents of one's efforts can do to stultify them as to see one's own uninterrupted way through to the end. To paraphrase the motto of Davy Crockett into a working recipe for dealing with our practical problems: "Be sure you know how; then go ahead."

The Lowering Cloud.

Not a little skeptical surprise, denial and angry criticism has followed the public declaration in unsweetened words by Mrs. Hester T. Griffith that

there has been already developed a systematic traffic in women and young girls for immoral purposes in San Francisco in 1915. The former state president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union added a particularly effective dig at the hornet's nest with the statement that San Francisco—meaning thereby the interested element—has put a commercial price on white slaves for the fair year and that that price is less than the price of a marketable hog—ten dollars a head was her cited quotation, to be exact.

To those acquainted with conditions preceding a world's exposition, however, there seems to be little ground for either surprise, denial or criticism. It is a fact to which the police of St. Louis and Chicago bear witness that the great fairs are the natural preying grounds of virtue-vultures whose underground business system is as highly developed in its way as that of the stockyards to which Mrs. Griffith went for comparison. Neither denial nor glossing-over can make that spade anything but a spade and those of value now are they who can see the fact in time to prevent it from digging an unhallowed grave for the purity of our girls.

The workmanlike manner in which the women of the state are preparing to meet the situation strikes a new note in pre-exposition history. Of the triumphant vindication of the Red Light Injunction and Abatement Act at the forthcoming referendum election there appears at this writing to be little doubt, always providing the decent element of the voters can be aroused to the gravity of the situation. The plans already under way by federated clubs for the protection of women at the fair itself and their campaign of education directed at the exposition management constitute another long stride in the direction of safety.

Another of which notice may be taken is the organization in Los Angeles by Mrs. M. A. Mackenzie of a "Welfare Union," planned to be statewide in scope. The program as at

present outlined calls for the formation of subsidiary organizations of men and boys, a system of lectures in towns and cities, house-to-house instruction and the distribution of a large volume of literature—all directed toward the minimizing of the immoral traffic through the education of the people.

Beginning at Home.

The Saturday Evening Post comments vigorously and pointedly on the patronage system at Washington to the effect that the elimination at the national capital of the world-old doctrine of "to the victors, belong the spoils" would mean more to the country in moral gain and as well in hard dollars and cents than the entire campaign against the trusts has come to so far.

Ten years ago the hardy prophet who dared predict that the time will come when the government service will be supplied entirely through the merit system would have been laughed out of court. That prophecy is now reiterated with considerably greater emphasis, but the laughter is not so loud and carries with it an undercurrent of apprehension. The inroads of the Civil Service on the ancient hunting ground of the professional politician amounts now to rather more than a firm foothold and the spoils seekers even now can perceive the significant drawing back of the other foot.

But that this reform will be fought every inch of the way is made audaciously manifest by the latest effort to carry the war into the enemy's country through the proposed exemption from Civil Service rules of the many positions created under the income-tax supplement of the tariff bill. The backers of that part of the Simmons-Underwood Bill give no reasons for this; in fact, the whole proceeding has the earmarks of what the slangily inclined would denominate an effort to "slip one over." In view of the loudly declared desire for reform in public office it would appear that a postscript should be added setting forth that it makes a difference whose ox is gored.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The club year opens auspiciously, with the spirit of enterprise strong. The San Francisco and Alameda districts sent out their calendars for September; in other parts of the state the opening day is deferred to October. Requests for visits and addresses are already overlapping as to dates, but where I cannot go there are other available women to supply the demand. Mrs. A. P. Black, president of the California club, addressed the Wednesday club of Suisun in my stead, as I was

called to Eureka. Mrs. Black made such a good impression that the women of the Suisun club decided to apply for membership in the C. F. W. C. Miss Jessica Briggs, the corresponding secretary, represented the C. F. W. C. at the Tokalon breakfast, as that date conflicted with my engagement at Santa Rosa. Miss Briggs also supplied my place at the opening luncheon of the Presidents' Assembly; this allowed me to go to Watsonville to address the club women of that town.

The afternoon with the Saturday Afternoon club at Santa Rosa gave opportunity to use the "Practical Suggestions" as the text for my address. It seems to me it answers the question so often asked, "What do we get from the federation?"

The occasion of my visit to Eureka was to represent the federation at the presentation celebration of the cross erected by the club women of that county on Trinidad Head. The exercises were of exceeding interest and merit, and the occasion brought hundreds of men and women from neighboring towns. A copper box sealed in the foundation contains local data of interest, together with a history of the cross written by Mrs. Murray, and her presentation address.

The pride and the glory, and it might also be said the beauty and the pathos of Humboldt county, lies in its redwood forests. The burden of my address was an urgent appeal to the civic pride of the club woman, who is also a voter, to devote her undoubted energy and ability to the creation of a forest reserve in this county. It is possible that the state legislature and even the United States Congress will have to be appealed to for an appropriation, for these forests owned by the lumber interests represent vast fortunes and cannot be had for the asking. A sentimental appeal would have to be supplemented by the funds to purchase. It makes the heart ache to see the steady march of the logging gangs. They leave desolation where once was the glory of God.

The new year book has brought many letters of commendation. I quote two of these:

St. Louis.

"My Dear Mrs. Orr:

"It has been an especial pleasure to receive and read the Year Book of your federation. You have so many items that should be of great interest and assistance to other federations. I am sure, of course, you have sent the book to every state.

"I can not tell you how great a satisfaction it gives me that you are considering the changes of departments. One year more and I believe a recommendation for change would have carried at the last biennial. A great many states have said they were ready for it, but could not do it without something now more definite from the general federation. We will wait therefore to see what happens, especially if your own state should make the changes.

"The strength of the public health department has shown very clearly the wisdom of combining under one fine head, like a commission in city government, the groups or subdivisions which rightly belong together.

"I am also pleased that you have given the additional suggestions for club work in the little pamphlet that came with the book.

"My best wishes are with you and I am always glad to hear what California is doing.

"Very sincerely yours,

"EVA PERRY MOORE.

"Clifton-by-the-Sea."

"My Dear Mrs. Orr:

"I have just laid down the year book for 1913-14 after having read nearly every page of it with greatest interest. When I remember with what effort and struggle I helped to form the federation, I feel it has developed and strengthened beyond my fondest hopes or dreams, and the end is not yet.

"Cordially yours,

"CLARA B. BURDETTE."

The C. F. W. C. extends its congratulations to Mrs. O. Shepard Barnum and Mrs. Charles Farwell Edson in their appointments, the first on the State Board of Education and the second on the State Industrial Welfare Commission. Both of these women have gained enviable honors in club life and both of them still hold high positions in the federation.

It is proposed to carry on a vigorous campaign throughout California to prevent the Red Light Injunction and

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CIVICS

By Mrs. Bradford Woodbridge

State Chairman Civics and Political Science

With the slogan, "California Expects the World in 1915" ringing in our ears, the Civics Department of the C. F. W. C. feels an enormous responsibility. We plead for the assistance and co-operation of clubs throughout the state whether they be civic or not. Twenty-five thousand club women could not only "polish up the handle" of the Golden Gate, but this great state from one end to the other so that its brilliancy and beauty would outshine that of the exposition palace.

It is not our intention to imply that we should be clean and attractive for company alone, but there is something about being an hostess that inspires us always to "put the best foot forward." Let us then get about this business with vigor and determination. Let us grasp the opportunity for service which may come our way again. Will you not help?

Never before has the country been so roused to the belief that better civic conditions must prevail. The tiny spark of interest which has been fostered and kept alive by the club women has at last burst into flame, and an army of men, women and children is now enlisted to fight the enemies—dirt, disease and crime—and to follow the standard that leads to better citizenship. Both the elementary and high schools this year have regular text books on civics, which, with the University Extension course, means that the entire school system of the state is enrolled and that an educational campaign has begun, the influence whereof is immeasurable.

Do not be content, however, with ridding your community of its physical plague spots, but co-operate with the Civil Service Reform, Philanthropy and Legislative chairmen to obliterate as well, the pestilential breeding places of vice. Organize a Civic Betterment committee both in your district and

your club. Have a Civic Section in every club and arrange frequent conferences of men and women interested in civic advancement. This is important. Try it and note the results. Decide what you want and write to your district chairman for advice and help to secure it. Have a chairman of the following committees:

1. Political Science.
2. Junior Civic League and Vacant Lot Gardens.
3. Social Centers.
4. Park and Parking.
5. Flower Shows.
6. Clean-up Day and Anti-Fly Campaign.
7. Bill Boards.
8. Housing Reform.

We are anxious to help and have practical suggestions on many subjects that no doubt will interest and help you if you will make your wants known.

A Junior Civic League Leaflet containing a practical working plan has gone to every club president and will be a valuable aid in civic work if you will make use of it. Appoint a committee to encourage gardening among the school children. Seeds can be procured in penny packets with instructions for planting from the Home Gardening Association, Cleveland, Ohio. Have a flower show in the fall or late spring and offer as prizes garden tools and other useful articles rather than money. In conjunction with the flower show have a floral pageant and program. This will help to stimulate the whole community to plant trees and flowers and otherwise beautify their surroundings.

That California may be clothed in her beautiful golden raiment for 1915 plant poppy seeds this fall on all vacant lots and along the highways. Ask your supervisors and superintendents of railroad rights of way to post notices

prohibiting the picking and ruthless destruction of plants. They will be glad to co-operate.

A resolution was adopted at the State meeting at Fresno asking the governor to appoint the week of Arbor Day a clean-up week throughout the state. This we expect he will do. Let there be one mighty concerted movement to rid ourselves of all rubbish and accumulations of waste and filth. If your town needs cleaning don't wait until spring. After the first fall rain is an excellent time to do this work and if by Arbor Day you do not need to do it again, help your neighbor. Be careful where you select your dumping ground—let it be somewhere out of sight of the traveling public. Burn all waste that can be thus consumed.

An anti-fly campaign must be inaugurated and systematically carried on if we are to show a clean bill of health. With the funds raised from your flower show buy fly swatters and put them in the hands of all school children. Organize an inspection committee among them and ask them to report to the Board of Health on breeding places, stables, stagnant pools, garbage cans and dirty back yards.

The civics committee of the general federation has issued the following bulletin on garbage collection and urges us to make a special effort to secure its adoption in all communities where no local ordinance exists.

"Do you know that Mr. Edward Hatch, Jr., of the American Civic League says in an article in the New York Times of January 28, that this will be 'a fine winter for flies'; that the number of typhoid flies next spring will be enormous, and suggests that every one interested in civic, health and improvement clubs began now to take immediate action to see that all garbage, refuse, etc., is provided with means to keep it covered?

"Did you know that Assistant Surgeon Rucker, of the United Public Health Service, in an article recently published, points out that disease is

carried by rats—that the best method of getting rid of them is by starving them, and says, 'in starving rats the prime point of attack is the garbage can,' and urges municipal ordinances requiring all garbage cans to have tight fitting lids?

"It is practically impossible to keep flies, rats and other disease carrying animals from feeding at the ordinary refuse and garbage cans, from which the cover is off as often as it is on—or from the usual hooded street can, which is always open.

"Did you know that your club can establish a system of garbage collection in your town and keep it in operation at a price ridiculously small?

"By:

"1. The purchase of a galvanized zinc garbage tank which may be fitted to any wagon. The tank costs only thirty dollars.

"2. By the hiring of a man and team at five dollars a day to cover your town twice a week.

"3. By insisting through the press and if possible getting health officers to demand that every house be provided with covered metal garbage cans.

"Then work to get the city to take over the collection, which is part of the city's business of municipal house cleaning. But it is your business first. Remember that the first ambulances in Chicago were bought by a woman's club.

"You can take no greater precaution for the health of your town, save only the establishment of a system of sewage.

"Begin to earn the money and begin your garbage collection at once."

Assembly Bill No. 16, an act providing for the free use of all public school houses and property and to establish a civic center at each and every public school house in the state of California, and provide for the maintenance, conduct and management of the same, was approved by the governor June 6, 1913, and is now duly enrolled

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INDUSTRIAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

By Mrs. Charles Farwell Edson

State Chairman Industrial and Social Conditions

As chairman of industrial and social conditions, I should like to have the president of each club appoint a committee of two or more wise, brave women (one of whom to be chairman) to make a survey of your own community to find out the answers to the following questions.

If after two or more months' investigation a club meeting could be held at which the program could be the report of this committee with these questions answered and the discussion general, it would be a revelation, not only to your own community but to the state at large. We are apt to believe that all is well with our own town, but that some other town is not all it should be. These social surveys are most useful and will disclose conditions never before realized. I would like a complete report sent to me by April, 1914, of every club doing this work. I shall be very glad to enter into correspondence with any club about this work. We have many questions of vital importance before us for solution. We must know why the Red Light Abatement bill must be sustained. We must know why the Workman's Compensation act is a most necessary and beneficial measure. We must know why women and children should be paid living wages.

The answers to the following questions will help solve these problems in your own community. Make a complete survey of the industries of your town:

How many dry goods stores, factories, laundries, etc., have you?

How many people (men, women and children) do they employ?

What wages are paid in each industry to men, women and children?

What wages are paid for office work? Telephone? Candy workers?

How long are the hours?

Do they observe the eight-hour law for women and children?

What per cent of the women and children work because they must or to supplement an inadequate family income?

What does it cost them a week to live?

Cost of room per week?

Cost of board?

Cost of carfare?

Cost of laundry?

Cost of clothing?

Cost of amusement?

What are their savings, if any? Other expenses, if any? Do they live at home?

Wages of same individual per week?

Are the conditions in the factories, stores, laundries, and all places where people work clean and sanitary? Do they have decent separate toilets for men and women, marked properly?

Is the machinery protected so the employee's life and limbs are not endangered? What are the wages for domestic service?

Is it difficult to get domestics?

Is the service made agreeable to intelligent young women?

Do many girls and women leave your town to go to the larger towns and cities?

Can you find out why they leave?

What nationalities are your workers?

Do you have many Japanese?

What are their wages and living conditions?

Do you have canneries, packing houses or fruit drying establishments? How many? Are they clean and sanitary? Have they separate, clean toilets? What are the wages paid men, women and children?

Are the wages by the day or by the piece?

What are the hours during the fruit season?

What are the home conditions?

Do they camp?

How do they live?

Do the working children all have vacation permits signed by the school principal?

How many saloons have you in your town?

How many pool rooms where liquor is sold or can be obtained?

Has your town a dance hall? Is it properly supervised?

Is liquor sold there, or near?

Have you provided any municipal recreation for the young people?

Have you any known prostitutes in your community?

Who owns the property they occupy?

Have these women lived in your community long, and do they entice young men and boys?

Are they girls who might be saved?

From what former occupation did they come?

Did low wages have anything to do with their fall?

What do they make per week now, and what did they make before?

If you have prostitutes in your town, are they restricted to certain districts?

How do the rentals for such property compare with the rentals of the same section of the town not used for such purposes?

Do they sell liquor?

Do your police officers arrest men as well as women who frequent houses of prostitution?

What are the fines?

Who pays them?

Do the women present certificates signed by physicians that they are not afflicted with venereal disease?

What doctors furnish these certificates?

How often are the examinations made?

Should men have this protection?

Please read: "The Spirit of Youth and the City Streets," Jane Addams; "Damaged Goods," Brieux, \$1.50, Brentano; "Commercialized Prostitution in

New York City," published by the Bureau of Social Hygiene of the Rockefeller Foundation, \$1.30; "The Survey Magazine," \$2 per year, 105 East Twenty-second street, New York; "Life and Labor," published by the National Women's Trade Union League, 127 North Dearborn street, Chicago, \$1 per year; "The Task of Social Hygiene," Havlock Ellis, \$2.50; "The New Democracy," Walter Weyl, \$1.50; "Woman and Labor," Olive Schreiner.

These books and magazines should be owned by every woman who wants to be alive and up-to-date. If the individual woman cannot afford them, they should be owned and circulated through the club or the public library. "The Survey" especially, no community can afford to be without.

I shall be glad to speak to those clubs within my reach for my traveling expenses on the "Industrial and Social Problem." I have just returned from the National Conference of Charities and Corrections, held at Seattle, and have heard some of America's leading authorities on these subjects. I hope we can have the greatest co-operation this year for these vital subjects, and I believe each club could well afford two club days devoted to these subjects—one the industrial problem, local and general, and the other the social problem, local and general.

EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION.

The seventh annual convention of the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education will be held at Grand Rapids, Mich., October 23-25, inclusive. During the same week and in the same city the National Vocational Guidance Association will hold its meeting. By reason of the common interests involved the program has been made a joint one. A cordial invitation to California club women to attend these sessions is extended in a letter addressed to Mrs. Orr, the state president, by C. A. Prosser, secretary of the Industrial Education Society.

THE NEW CALIFORNIA CIVIL SERVICE LAW

By Mrs. Emily Karns

State Chairman Civil Service Reform

The California legislature of 1913 will be long remembered for the number of progressive and really beneficent laws which it passed at its bifurcated session. One of these was the state-wide civil service law, a compromise between the two bills drafted by the San Francisco Civil Service League and the Los Angeles Civil Service League respectively. This bill, one of twenty-three measures, was listed in the "First Legislative Platform of the California Federation of Woman's Clubs." It was one of the bills which the Women's Legislative Committee was interested in. Its passage is a realization of hopes long deferred to thousands of friends of civil service reform.

California now stands seventh in the list of states having a state-wide civil service law.

So the happy time has come when we can offer something actually new, something actually constructive to the clubs in this new law.

To make its provisions plain, it is necessary to go somewhat into details. The law provides for a commission appointed by the Governor of three members, with salaries of \$3000 each, and for terms of four years. The commission is empowered to employ a chief examiner, secretary and other necessary employees, whose salaries are fixed by the commission. The duties of the employees are prescribed by the commission subject to the provisions of the law. The commission has its meeting place at Sacramento.

These are some of the duties of the commission: Positions to be classified. Examinations held to determine the merit, efficiency and fitness of applicants for positions. Prepare classified eligible lists from applicants examined. Keep records of efficiency in all positions. Investigate and report concerning matters touching the en-

forcement of the law. A biennial report must be made to the Governor to be transmitted to the legislature.

The following thirteen positions are excepted from civil service appointment: Appointments of the legislature; appointees of the Governor; the chief deputy; the secretary or executive officer, or both, and also the attorney and one stenographer of any board or commission appointed by the legislature or Governor, and all stenographers in the superior and appellate courts; the assistant and deputies of the attorney-general; the members of the appointing board and any chief in any legislative reference or counsel bureau; one warden for each of the state prisons; one superintendent for each of the state reformatories, state hospitals or other state charitable or correctional institutions; persons employed by the University of California, the state normal schools and the teaching force of the elementary, secondary, trades and technical schools; persons engaged in work done by co-operation between the state and Federal governments; the state librarian, the chief deputy or assistant state librarian; the secretary, chief accountant and children's agents of the state board of control; the employees of the state railroad commission.

Examinations are to be practical in their character. Applicants for positions in the mechanical trades and occupations may be rated solely on experience and physical qualifications. Any person who secures his position by fraud loses it by removal.

Vacancies are filled by promotion from among persons holding positions in lower grades.

The term of office is during good behavior. Incompetence, immoral conduct, insubordination, discourteous treatment to the public or of a fellow employee constitutes cause for dis-

missal from the service.

Any commissioner who attempts to defeat, deceive or obstruct any person in respect to his or her rights of examination or registration, or furnishes secret information is deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

No employee may contribute to political campaign funds, or use any political influence for or against a candidate.

The act carries with it an appropriation of \$50,000 for defraying the expenses of the commission during the biennial term of 1913-1914.

Copies of the civil service law may be had by addressing the secretary of state at Sacramento.

The organization of the board of commissioners took place three months after the enactment of the law. The personnel of the board is Charles Wesley Reed, San Francisco, chairman; James M. Hunter, Los Angeles; Edmond Williams, Redlands.

President Reed says in a recent newspaper article: "The members of the civil service commission enter upon their duties with the best of good fellowship for each other, backed by a progressive Governor, charged with the enforcement of a law more powerful than ever before enacted on the subject, and filled with the hope and confidence of being of real service to the cause of good government in California."

The Federation of Women's Clubs will follow with sympathetic interest the work of this commission in its efforts to establish the merit system, which forever does away with the spoilsman. It will do more—it will continue its campaign of education and its inspection of public institutions for the aged poor, the defective and delinquent.

The California Federation of Women's Clubs forwarded a set of resolutions to Governor Johnson asking for the appointment of a woman on this new commission. The principal reason given for the request was that much of the work of the commission has to do with the care of women and

children. It is to be hoped that this commission will not be many years old before a competent and sympathetic woman is appointed to it.

All California club women point with pride and satisfaction to the fine work being done by Mrs. McCan, one of the civil service commissioners from Los Angeles. The wonderful work done on the civil service commission of Colorado by Mrs. Sarah Platt-Decker is a bright example of what a woman can do to serve the public as a civil service commissioner.

The step closely following the establishment of the merit system will be the enforcement of the provisions of the law. This step, we are told by those who are acquainted with the workings of the merit system in the six states which have it, is the most difficult one. In many cases the law is enforced in a half-hearted way, with many pleas for exemption of this office and that. A strong, intelligent public sentiment must be behind it. For this reason, and others which might be mentioned, it will be best to continue indefinitely the educational work of the department of civil service reform so long established in the federation.

We want every club woman so well informed on civil service that district chairmen will not continually say: "The women do not know what civil service means." By now, we hope and expect that the clubs have their standing committees on civil service reform appointed. That these committees have copies of the leaflet, "Practical Suggestions for Club Work," which contains an outline of plans of the state chairman.

In case some club has not seen the outline of the year's work, we will briefly state the leading parts: Arrange programs, have civil service items in the newspapers, distribute literature, send reports to district chairman. Ask your district chairman to address you, observe the workings of the merit system in any state institution in your community. Learn of its management first hand. Remember it is your hospital, your jail, your responsibility.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

By Mrs. Bradford Woodbridge

State Chairman Civics and Political Science

Civics is the essential thing, if we are to raise the standard of citizenship and improve the conditions under which to live. Political science, the new subject which has been added to this department, is a fascinating topic and should have a place on every club calendar. Many women, and even some men, know too little about the affairs of government, and with our aspiration to be the highest type of citizen, how better can we spend a part of the meeting hour than by considering this subject, which has no terrors after one has studied the simple, practical outline presented?

The State University in its extension division has a course on political science for those who desire to avail themselves of it. A late bulletin says:

"Among the important courses to be offered by the new division of university extension are those by the department of political science. The subjects contained in the courses will be taught by Dr. David P. Barrows, acting head of the university and head of the department, Thomas H. Reed, associate professor of political science, and Dr. F. K. Kruger, assistant.

"Professor Reed, with Dr. Kruger, will offer by correspondence courses on the 'Government of the United States,' 'The Government of Europe,' 'The Government of Cities,' 'Advanced Municipal Government' and other allied courses. Dr. Barrows will give a course in 'The Foreign Relations of the United States,' in which he will speak of the Monroe doctrine and touch on Mexican relations.

"In addition to these courses, Professor Reed will offer two lecture courses, the first on 'Contemporary Political Questions' and the second on 'Applied Municipal Science.' The first will include a consideration of the following subjects: 'The Failure of Representative Democracy,' 'The Long

Ballot as a Cause of Political Corruption,' 'The Problem of Party Loyalty,' 'Nominations to Office,' 'Our Judicial Problem,' 'The Disorganization of State Administration,' 'The Initiative, Referendum and Recall,' 'The Corruption of Politics by Big Business,' 'The Corruption of Politics by Organized Vice,' 'What is the Matter with the Presidency?'

"The second will be a consideration of 'City Health and City Cleanliness,' 'Pure Water for the City,' 'The City's Food Supply,' 'Streets, the City's Veins and Arteries,' 'Open Space for All,' 'The City Beautiful,' 'The City and the War Against Poverty,' 'The City's Moral Life,' 'The City and Education,' 'Honesty and Responsibility in Municipal Government,' 'Efficiency and Economy in Municipal Government,' 'The Awakening of Civic Consciousness.'"

In addition to the university course the club will find any of the following publications splendid supplementary reading: "A Political Primer," by Bessie Beatty, published by the Whitaker Ray-Wiggin Company, price 50 cents, should be in the hands of every club president. An especially practical and helpful work is "Civics, the Community and the Citizen," of the California State Series of Text-Books, by Dunn. These two books give a bird's eye view of a very wide field. To explore it more thoroughly the following guides are recommended:

"The History of Political Science," by Frederick Pollock (McMillan).

"The New Freedom," by Woodrow Wilson (Doubleday, Page & Co.).

"The State," by Woodrow Wilson (Heath).

"The Wisconsin Idea," by McCarthy (MacMillan).

"What Social Workers Should Know About Their Own Community," pamphlet.

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ANTI-FLY CAMPAIGN

Arranged by Mrs. Christopher Gordon

Chairman Civics, Los Angeles District

A FLY CATECHISM.

1. Where are flies hatched?

Nine-tenths of them in manure, and the rest in other filth.

2. Where do they live?

Part of the time in the vilest places, and the rest of the time in our kitchens and markets.

3. What do they eat?

Every kind of unclean thing, with some of our own food for dessert.

4. When we see flies, what does it prove?

That there is filth not far away.

5. Do flies like to visit sick people?

Yes; and from them they go to the well people and the food.

6. Can we get rid of flies?

Yes, if everybody will help.

7. Is it worth while to try?

Yes; because in getting rid of the flies we get rid of other dirty and unwholesome things and make our city safe and pleasant.

8. How can it be done?

First, prevent them (by keeping the city clean, and by covering manure and garbage tightly, and removing once a week); second, kill them (by traps and in other ways); third, screen the houses and markets, so that those that escape cannot get on us or on our food.

9. What is there to be said against flies?

They are disagreeable, disgusting, and dangerous.

10. What can be said in their favor?

Nothing at all.

ORGANIZATION.

Committee of District Federation and advisory committee.

Sub-committees.

Co-operative committees in clubs with general chairman.

Finance.

Legislation.

Press and publicity.

District work.

Schools.

Prize essays and posters.

Moving pictures.

Public meetings.

Traps.

Street rubbish receptacles.

WORK FOR GENERAL COMMITTEE.

Obtain co-operation of organizations.

Keep in touch with all sub-committees.

District city.

Study legislation.

Enlist city departments.

Arrange for speakers.

Printing.

GENERAL LINES OF WORK.

Prevention: Enforce stable ordinances, protect garbage, clear unsanitary lots, improve back yards.

Extermination: Traps, swatters, poison.

Protection: Screen markets and rented houses.

General: Extend sewers, inspect unsewered districts, increase collection wagons, increase inspection force.

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ELIMINATING BILLBOARDS

By Mrs. Calvin Hartwell

Vice-President-at-Large

It was disappointing that there was no organized campaign for the elimination or control of the billboard nuisance during the last legislature; however, it is no reason for cessation of effort. The Civic League of Pasadena appointed a committee, inviting the Shakespeare club to co-operate, and they accomplished something locally. They had a conference with representatives of the billboard interests and told them that they believed much of the antagonism toward that method of advertising would be effaced or modified if they would place their billboards in an industrial district and eventually remove those which are on the hills between Pasadena and Los Angeles to the gully below Covina Junction, where they would be the least objectionable feature and at the same time hundreds of interurban cars would pass daily, making it quite as good a location for

advertising; and they are placing them there very rapidly.

A conference was also held with H. E. Huntington which resulted in an order that no more billboards be placed upon property in which he held an interest and that there should be no renewal of leases. The Santa Fe sent out the same order.

Much can be done by city and county ordinances, by the levy of taxes and inducing property owners to refuse to lease for that purpose, except in such places where it does not outrage the sensibilities of every passerby.

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JUNIOR CIVIC LEAGUES

So many requests have reached the Civic Department of the C. F. W. C. for suggestions and helps in forming Junior Civic Leagues, that for the benefit of these inquirers we herewith present a working plan prepared from data secured from the American Civic Association and from the chairmen of similar leagues in the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Agnes Bailey, a noted worker in this department of the A. C. A. strongly urges the organizing of these leagues in every community, and says: "Amid the multiplicity of subjects clamoring for recognition from the women's clubs, the one most insistent and effective is that of the children. Among the children's subjects that can be managed by club women are school gardens, playgrounds, fresh air schools and Junior Civic Leagues. The last includes all the others, in that it is with and by as well as for the children and means the training of all our children in principles of law, order, cleanliness and beauty; giving these twentieth century children for whom so much is being done, an opportunity to work for others, for their city, and their state.

It is recommended that the league be formed in the schools and that fifteen minutes once a week is time enough to recite the short creed of cleanliness, beauty and patriotism—to sing a civic song and to allow one committee to report work done. Buttons bearing the inscription, "We work for Civic Beauty," can be procured from the American Civic Association and should be worn by all league members. The writing of compositions on local conditions and the best ones published in the weekly papers; discussions on how to improve and beautify surroundings should be encouraged—Arbor Day observed; the birds protected; rubbish cans provided; nuisances abated; gardens planted and flower shows arranged. Prizes should be offered for the best kept front and back yards. With a minimum of labor one can achieve

a maximum of result, which will continue when the children of today, taught through the Junior Civic Leagues the lessons of observation, love of nature, kindness to animals, respect of other's property, cleanliness, beauty, law, order, industry, perseverance, unselfishness, courage and patriotism, shall attain to manhood and womanhood. The civic problems which now seem difficult will vanish before the observing eyes, trained minds and large hearts.

The Civic Department of the California Federation of Women's Clubs will be glad to affiliate with all Junior Civic Leagues, since it is working for all that the league stands for, it will endeavor to recommend and send inspiring literature and lend a helping hand. A good constitution and by-laws could be modeled from those of A. C. A. and are herewith given:

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. We shall be called the Junior Civic league of.....

Sec. 2. Our object shall be to promote cleanliness, beauty, law and order everywhere.

ARTICLE II.

Section 1. Every public or high school pupil may be a member.

Sec. 2. Every member will wear a button inscribed with the motto, "We work for beauty."

ARTICLE III.

Section 1. The officers of the league shall be the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, who shall hold office for one school term.

These officers shall be elected by ballot.

ARTICLE IV.

Section 1. The president shall preside over the meetings.

Sec. 2. The vice-president shall preside over all meetings in the absence of the president.

Sec. 3. The secretary shall keep a record of each meeting, of all reports given, and shall read the record at each meeting.

Sec. 4. The treasurer shall collect the dues.

ARTICLE V.

Section 1. Meetings shall be held once a week.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

Standing committees shall be appointed by the president of the league.

ARTICLE II.

At least one chairman of a committee shall report at each meeting.

ARTICLE III.

The dues shall be 5 cents annually, to cover the expenses of buttons, literature, etc.

The Civics Department recommends the following creed, which is that of the state of Ohio and could be adapted to local needs, printed on cardboard and hung in every school room: "For the honor and glory of ————.

Let us not injure in any way, any tree, shrub or lawn.

Let us not kill or injure any bird or destroy any bird's nest, or the eggs, or the young

Let us not throw or sweep into the street, alleys or parks, any paper, fruit skins, or rubbish of any kind or throw any of these things upon the floor of any school or other public building.

Let us not spit upon the sidewalk, street crossings or upon the floor of any street car, school house or any other public building.

Let us not cut or mark in any way fences, poles, sidewalks, or buildings of any kind.

Let us always keep our back yards as clean and beautiful as we keep our front lawns.

Let us at all times respect the property of others as we would our own.

Thus we shall become good and useful citizens, making our state beautiful and worthy of our love and devotion.

Quoting Mrs. Bailey further: "Any village, however small; any city, however large, can organize and operate a Junior Civic League.

If you have neither school gardens nor playgrounds, organize the children

first into Junior Civic Leagues and they will obtain the gardens and the playgrounds. They will officer and maintain them.

One of the works undertaken everywhere now by the Junior Civic Leagues and with great success is the extermination of the house fly. The rising generation is a tremendous power, only as we enlist its co-operation, shall we see our vision of a cleaner, better and more beautiful America crystallized into realities.

Miss Zona Gale, General Federation Chairman of Civics, in a recent personal letter says: "I would like to see the distinctive junior league work in California to be: the planting, by the children, of poppy seeds on all the hills and highways. If that movement were once enthusiastically started, think what it would mean.

"If you cannot organize a Junior Civic League in your community, will you not endeavor to have the oath of the Athenian youth printed on heavy cardboard and hung in the school room?

"We will never bring disgrace to this our city by any act of dishonesty or cowardice, nor ever desert our suffering comrades in the ranks.

"We will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the city, both alone and with many.

"We will revere and obey the city's laws, and do our best to incite a like respect and reverence in those above us who are prone to annul and set them at naught.

"We will strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty; and thus, in all these ways, we may transmit this city, not only not less, but greater, better and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us."

Junior Civic League button may be obtained from U. P. James, 127 West Seventh street, Cincinnati, O., for \$2 per hundred, also from Mrs. Edward L. Murfey, 445 Sidney avenue, Chicago, Ill., for \$1.75 per hundred.

Further information may be obtained by applying to your district chairman of civics.

CALL FOR THE TWELFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION SOUTHERN DISTRICT, C. F. W. C.

The twelfth annual convention of the Southern District, C. F. W. C., will be held at the U. S. Grant hotel, San Diego, November 18, 19, 20 inclusive. There will be an assembly and general conference at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning and the following topics will be discussed:

1. The proposed plan for re-districting.
2. Re-organization of department work.
3. Some weak links in federation system.
4. Comparative value of county federation reciprocity days and president's days. Other topics will be presented if time permits.

The convention will be called to order at 10:30 o'clock. A splendid program is being arranged. The department work, as usual, gives the keynote. Each report of district chairmen will be followed by general discussion, and a number of addresses will be made by recognized authorities on the various subjects. The new departments Peace, Country Life, and Literature, will be emphasized. State and district chairmen will explain plans and purposes and give suggestions for the amplification of the work of these departments. A report of the Twelfth Annual State Convention will be given. An invitation to the next annual state convention will be extended by the women of Riverside.

The Southern District chairman of art, Miss Marion H. Harris, of Riverside, is planning an art exhibit for the convention which promises to be a delightful feature. Artists of the Southern district only will be asked to show pictures. Club of the district are asked to exhibit work in arts and crafts. A number of collections of photographs of scenes in the Southern District are being collected for the exhibit.

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Commerce and the California Panama Exposition officials, are arranging a number of auto rides and sight-seeing trips for the pleasure of the delegates and visitors.

Wednesday evening will be devoted to the annual reception in honor of state and district officers.

Representation:

Each club shall be entitled to representation by its president or her appointee and one delegate. Clubs having a membership of fifty or more shall be entitled to one additional delegate for every fifty members or fraction thereof exceeding one-half. Credentials should be presented in person on Tuesday. No delegate shall represent more than one club. The secretary of each club shall send the names of the delegates and their alternates to the corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. W.

Brem, 1421 Broadway, San Diego, at least two weeks prior to convention dates.

Dues:

The annual dues of five cents per capita must be paid by all federated club before the opening of the convention. Clubs failing to pay dues will not have representation; their delegates will not be seated in the convention.

Entertainment:

All delegates and voting members of the convention will be entertained at the U. S. Grant Hotel by the hostess clubs, the San Diego County Federation. All visiting club women in attendance will be given special rates and

their rooms will be reserved for them on application. Please send name two week in advance, if possible, to Mrs. Carl S. Owen, National City, Calif., and state whether a delegate or visiting club woman. Attention to this request will insure your comfort and relieve the hostess clubs of much anxiety.

Transportation:

Special rates of transportation over the Santa Fe are being arranged for on the certificate plan. Be sure to obtain certificate when purchasing ticket.

The credential committee will be in session at 8:30 Tuesday morning.

All resolutions must be presented through the resolution committee.

FOREWORD--SOUTHERN DISTRICT CONVENTION

By Mrs. Lillian Pray Palmer

President Southern District C. F. W. C.

The dates of the twelfth annual convention of our district are fast approaching. The executive board has given its best thought and effort to the plans and program. The San Diego County Federation has cordially invited and with the city of San Diego will give us a hearty welcome.

Your president has issued the call. The convention with its power and possibility, its inspiration and influence awaits you. Without you there can be no convention. It is your responsibility. If you realize this every club in the Southern District will have full representation at the convention and every club woman who can possibly do so will be in attendance.

To the state officers and state chairmen of departments we extend a cordial invitation to be with us. All visiting club women will be welcome at the meetings of the convention.

The social side of the convention is

one of its most helpful and happy aspects. Personal acquaintance with your state and district officers, chairmen of departments and earnest club women of your district is an inspiration and a satisfaction. "Federation spirit" is not an empty phrase. It is a vital influence set in action by a unified devotion to the common cause of women's clubs. It stands for noble sentiment and holy purpose; for the best effort of good women to make better conditions and a better humanity. It is in convention that we come under this influence of federation spirit and are strengthened and tutored by it for our special part in the work of the woman's club. It is in convention that we realize our state motto: "Strength united is stronger." Let us as the Southern District in full convention November 18, 19 and 20 reunite our strength at San Diego.

THE LITERATURE OF CALIFORNIA

By Mrs. George F. Reinhardt

State Chairman of Literature

One cannot pretend in a short period of time to make the acquaintance of all the writers worthy of mention who have been born in California, or who have done work inspired by California. Nor can all the types of literature be represented. Many of the journalists of this western state have done notable work, historians are not lacking thus early in its history, naturalists whose appeal is popular and scientists whose appeal is to a few, but the ones who claim to have the largest numbers and the largest audience are the writers of fiction and of poetry.

There does not yet exist a book which is an authoritative history of California literature. Most of the biographical material, as well as the critical, is to be found in magazines. However, any club should have as reference in its town library a few books on American literature, which will contain information in regard at least to the older of the Californians.

(a) Dictionary of American Biography.

(b) Stedman and Hutchinson's Library of American Literature.

(c) Poole's Index to Magazine Literature.

(d) Appleton's Cyclopaedia of Biography.

(e) Wendell's Literary History of America.

(f) Who's Who in America (of use for youthful modern writers who have had no biographies and few criticisms of their work published).

(g) Stedman's American Anthology (a convenient collection of American poems, including the best of western work at the time of its publication).

The program here suggested attempts to acquaint the club with representative writers, to point out typical works, and to indicate, if possible, where information concerning the writers may be found. Ten programs are

outlined, but in them is sufficient material for twice that number.

The state library at Sacramento will lend books to any library or club throughout the state, if the charges of transportation both ways are paid by the library or club. Full information can be obtained by writing to the state librarian.

1. As Others Saw California in the Early Days.

Bayard Taylor, "Eldorado."

"Rhymes of Travel."

Mark Twain, "Roughing It."

R. L. Stevenson, "Across the Plains."

"Silverado Squatters."

2. Francis Bret Harte.

"Luck of Roaring Camp and Other Tales."

"Tales of the Argonauts."

"Twins of Table Mountain," etc.

"Conception de Arguello," "Jim," "To a Pliocene Skull," "In the Tunnel," "Her Letter," etc.

References: Complete Works, Houghton, 1906. Forum, Oct. 1893. (Article by Hamlin Garland.)

3. Ambrose Bierce, journalist, satirist, and story writer.

"Can Such Things Be?"

"Beetles in Amber."

"In the Midst of Life."

"Cynic's Word Book."

References: Complete Works, Neale, 1909-11. Bookman, 30, 120. Cur. Lit., 47, 279; 23, 405.

4. John Muir, naturalist.

"The Mountains of California," 1894.

"Our National Parks," 1901.

"My First Summer in the Sierras," 1911.

"Stikeen, the Story of a Dog," 1909.

"The Story of My Boyhood and Youth," 1913.

5. Gertrude Atherton, novelist.

"Patience Sparhawk and Her Times," 1897.

"The Californians," 1898.

"The Splendid Idle Forties," 1902.

"Ancestors," 1907.

References: Academy, 55, 431. Lit. World, 35, 317. North Amer., 186, 607. Nat. Mag., 21, 407. Dial, 25, 305. Athenaeum, 1903, 1, 77.

6. Joaquin Miller, "Poet of the Sierras."

"Songs of the Sierras."

"Songs of the Sunlands."

"The Ship in the Desert," etc.

References: "Complete Poems," Whitaker & Ray, 1897. Preface and Appendix in "Complete Poems." Craftsman, 20, 496 (Aug. 1911).

7. Benjamin Franklin Norris.

"Blix," 1899.

"McTeague," 1899.

"Octopus," 1901.

"Responsibilities of the Novelist," 1903.

References: Critic, 42, 216 (article by Hamlin Garland). Cur. Lit., 34, 105. North Amer., 175, 769 (article by W. D. Howells). World's Work, 5, 3276.

8. Two California Poets, E. R. Sill and Ina D. Coolbrith.

(a) Selected poems from "Sill's Poetical Works," Houghton, 1906.

References: Atlantic, 90, 271 (Aug., 1902). Dial, 33, 166 (Sept. 16, 1902). Nation, 75, 289 (Oct., 1902).

(b) Selected poems from Coolbrith's "Songs from the Golden Gate," Houghton, 1907.

9. Mary Austin.

"The Arrowmaker" (a drama), Duffield, 1911.

"Basket Woman," Houghton, 1904.

"The Flock," Houghton, 1906.

"Land of Little Rain," Houghton, 1903.

10. A tenth program may be devoted to a summary of the writers studied, or to a consideration of the work of Helen Hunt Jackson in its relation to California, or to the prolific young writer, Jack London, or to such a group of still living poets as Charles Keeler, George Sterling, Edwin Markham, John Vance Cheney, etc.

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PARLIAMENTARY USAGE

By Mrs. Annie Little Barry

State Chairman of Parliamentary Practice

QUESTIONS.

Is it necessary for the one who seconds a motion to wait to be recognized by the chair? No; simply rise and say, "Madam President, I second the motion."

Does a nomination for office require a second? No; but it is a courtesy to second it.

Should a president stand when stating a motion? Yes, always.

Do rules in parliamentary usage govern fraternal orders? To a certain extent, but fraternal orders are governed by their ritual; do not quote rules of fraternal orders for other organizations, remember they are ritualistic.

What is meant by majority vote? It is more than half the whole number of votes; in an election of officers, if there were four candidates a majority vote would be the excess of votes received over the sum of the other three.

What is meant by plurality vote? It is the largest number of votes received.

Why does a presiding officer refer to herself as the chair? Does it not sound affected? First, the presiding officer refers to herself as the chair to make her seem less personal; she is the presiding officer, not an individual expressing her personal opinions; second, she refers to herself as the chair because it is a rule in parliamentary usage and is the correct form.

May the maker of a motion amend her own motion? May she vote against her motion? Yes, she may do both, but may not speak against her motion.

AMENDMENTS.

Lesson II.

An amendment is made to make a motion more satisfactory; an amendment must be germane to the question; amendments may be made by adding or inserting, by striking out and in-

serting by substitution, and by dividing the question. Only two amendments may be entertained to a question at the same time, an amendment and an amendment to the amendment. When there are two amendments pending the amendment to the amendment is acted on first. If this carries the original motion is amended. If the second amendment carries and the first loses, only the original motion is left. If the second loses and the first carries, the question with first amendment remains.

A majority vote carries an amendment except an amendment to the constitution or by-laws; these require previous notice and a two-thirds vote.

An amendment laid on the table carries with it all it proposes to amend, except in the case of a motion to correct the minutes; i. e., if laid on the table it does not carry the minutes with it.

Motions which cannot be amended:

To adjourn (when unqualified).

To lay on the table.

To postpone indefinitely.

Amendment to an amendment.

Orders of the day.

All incidental questions.

The previous question.

To reconsider.

Example.

Miss Bird: "Madam President."

President: "Miss Bird."

Miss Bird: "I move that this club form a section for the study of parliamentary usage and practice in extemporaneous speaking."

Mrs. Cox: "Madam President, I second the motion."

President states the motion and asks for discussion.

Mrs. Munger: "Madam President."

President: "Mrs. Munger."

Mrs. Munger: "I move to amend the motion by adding that a leader of this section be employed."

Mrs. Churchill: "Madam President, I second the amendment."

President states motion.

Miss Dobbins: "Madam President."

President: "Miss Dobbins."

Miss Dobbins: "I move an amendment to the amendment by striking out the words 'extemporaneous speaking' and inserting 'study of civil government.'"

Mrs. Crowell: "Madam President, I second the amendment to the amendment."

President states motion and asks for discussion of a mendment to amendment; vote taken; after one amendment is disposed of another may be offered, and so on.

One of the first things that club women should be perfectly familiar with is how to amend a motion properly, a fifteen minute drill for two or three meetings will accomplish this, or one lesson in a section.

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LIGHT BURNING IN CALIFORNIA FORESTS

By Mrs. Foster Elliot

State Chairman of Forestry

When planning the outline of work for the forestry committee to follow during the coming year the most important line was suggested by a forest official, namely that the club women do all in their power against the practice of "light burning" in our California forests.

One of the most important phases of forestry is the protection of the woods against fire, and the different means to that end are much discussed. One theory has been much heard of in California, which is that the forests should be burned over lightly in the spring and fall so that the brush, undergrowth, etc., may be destroyed and that if a fire should occur there there will be no material for it to feed upon.

Many attacks are made upon the forest service for not adopting this plan in the national forests. But it does use fire to a large extent in cleaning up its lands wherever a timber sale occurs; all slashings are piled with the smaller refuse and burned after the first rains of fall. As the service is selling every year many million feet of lumber it will readily be seen that this is no light task. Even after careful preparation it is exceedingly difficult to burn the refuse and at the same time prevent the spread of fire.

Anyone at all familiar with the mountains of California has seen the vast area covered with worthless brush and the chaparral slopes. The unproductive tracts which were formerly well-stocked timber lands are largely if not wholly the results of repeated ravages by fire. In the national forests alone in California are about 2,000,000 acres which formerly supported excellent stands of timber but which are now unproductive wastes of underbrush, due to fires started by the Indians.

If we would have a good stand of ten or fifteen trees to the acre we must keep the young growth thick upon the ground. From the struggle for existence among the hundreds of young trees, gradually the strongest, in the fight for light, shoot up and by a process of natural pruning come at last to be mature trees from which we get our fine timber, clear grained and free from knots.

It is plain to be seen then that the young growth must be preserved. It is not forestry to destroy the young forest and take no heed to the future—this is destruction, plain and simple.

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United States Forester Graves has made a careful study of light burning operations in California. He says: "Fire in the forest is an exceedingly dangerous weapon and encouragement in its use is a very serious matter, as shown by the results we are having today in incendiarism."

The chairman of forestry appeals to the club women of California to give this matter their earnest attention. If we are to have proper reproduction in our forests and timber for future generations we must work to reduce the fire hazard—in other words, if we want to stop big fires we must not start "light" ones.

POLITICAL SCIENCE.

(Continued from page 17)

phlet by Margaret F. Byington, associate field secretary of charity organizations, department of Russell Sage Foundation, room 613, 105 East Twenty-second street, New York, 5 cents.

"Practical Aids to the Teaching of Civics," by S. D. Waterman (Whitaker Ray-Wiggin Co.), 60 cents.

"Local Government by Counties, Towns and Villages," by J. A. Fairlie (Century Co.).

"American Government," by R. L. Ashley (MacMillan Co.).

"Government in the United States," by Garner (American Book Co.).

"Civil Government Simplified," by J. J. Duvall (Whitaker Ray-Wiggin Co.), price 25 cents.

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"The World Almanac," issued annually about the first of the year, price 35 cents, gives party platforms and general information of value.

"The Survey," a weekly journal of constructive philanthropy published by the Charity Organization Society of New York, subscription price \$2 per year. This magazine covers the entire field of social activity and reform. Clubs are especially urged to avail themselves of this publication.

"The American City," "A Monthly Review of Municipal Problems and Civic Betterment" (The Civic Press), 93 Nassau street, New York. Price \$2 per year. An invaluable aid to the civic worker.

"Pacific Municipalities," official organ of the League of California Municipalities, containing much local information, new ordinances, laws, etc. Publication office, Pacific building, San Francisco.

Article, "The Drift to the City," by John Gillette in the American Journal of Sociology for March, 1911. A valuable and exhaustive discussion. Published by the University of Chicago Press, Chicago. Price, single copy 50 cents, \$2.50 per year.

"The Twentieth Century City," by Josiah Strong.

"Municipal Administration," by J. A. Fairlie (MacMillan Co.).

"The City, the Hope of Democracy," by Fred A. Howe (Scribner's).

"Municipal Government," by Goode-nov.

A little thought given to this subject will repay a hundred-fold for the effort expended. The co-operation of teachers and pupils must be obtained and junior civic leagues should be formed according to the practical working plan of our organization. At the close of 1914 there should be recorded to your honor and glory unprecedented progress in the direction that makes for higher ideals and broader vision. You have but to demand it and none but the intelligent and fit shall have a hand in making and administering the laws. You have but to ask for it and a cleaner, better and more beautiful California is yours.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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Abatement Act from defeat at the general election in 1914 through the agency of the referendum. An executive campaign committee has been named from the northern and central portion of the state which will co-operate with a similar committee from the south. As the C. F. W. C. is committed to the final success of this measure I accepted an appointment on this committee. The co-operation of our club women is earnestly desired.

We have dwelt with the note of faith on the growth of the co-operative spirit between organized bodies of women in our own state, but the last word, the most pleasing prospect, is the tentative plan given out by Mrs. Phillip N. Moore, in the current number of "The Federation Magazine."

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Immediately following the close of the state convention at Fresno an invitation was sent to Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, asking her to be the guest of the California federation at its next annual convention at Riverside. All club women who see the year book will note that Mrs. Pennybacker regrets that it will not be possible for her to make the long journey westward, so near the time of the Chicago biennial, which meets in June, 1914.

My dates in the south at this writing are:

Oct. 13, Redlands.

Oct. 14-15, Los Angeles.

Nov. 15, Santa Barbara.

Nov. 17, Long Beach.

Nov. 18, San Diego.

MRS. JAMES W. ORR.

CIVICS

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as Chapter 395 of the Statutes of 1913. This leaves no possible excuse for club women to neglect their duty in helping to establish civic centers. Especially would I plead for the rural communities and those remote from club and library advantages. Will you not enlist in this splendid cause?

Don't give up the fight against billboards. The enemy is "on the run." Many of the cities and towns throughout the state have ordinances strictly regulating, and in many cases eliminating them entirely. Destroy every sign you find nailed to a tree on the public highway. Notify electric light, telephone and telegraph companies if their poles are being used for placards, etc. A state law protects such property and the advertiser is responsible if he violates it. Look up your city and county ordinances occasionally and see that they are enforced.

The Chamber of Commerce of Sacramento recently instituted a campaign

for better housing conditions in its tenement district, with a competent corps of women inspectors under the direction of the Board of Health, details of which will be furnished to those interested.

Read the article in September number of "The American City" by Lawrence Veillier, secretary National Housing Association, on "How to Work for Housing Reform."

Now, all together, remember this is to be a year of special achievement in civic work, and no community can afford to neglect the splendid opportunity which the civic department offers.

Appoint committees at once.

A FORETHOUGHT.

Dedicated to Mrs. C. F. McCarthy, of the San Mateo Woman's Club, by Racine McRoskey.

We have heard the word of greeting,

We have clasped the cordial hand,

We rejoice in the mutual progress

That marks today's club-land.

We are each spokes in the moving wheel

That turns to the good of all;

And our hearts rejoice in unison

To the notes of the higher call.

While we climb the heights to a fair ideal

We must true and helpful be;

For patiently must the worker toil

Ere the golden harvest see.

Let each one help another,

By an act, a word, a smile,

So oft a tiny message kind

May weary hours beguile.

And a drooping spirit lifted

May some splendid work attend.

So let us ever watchful be,

The helping hand to lend.

As "strength united is stronger,"

So steadfastly let us bind

Our duty with love and courage

That the true success we find.

And Hope will lead us onward,

And Faith will show the way,

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